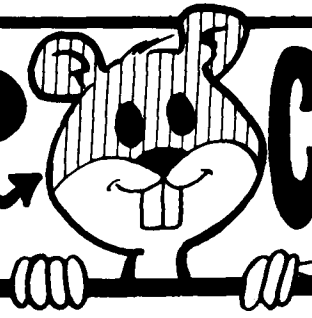




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Bernard W. (Bernie) Bierman
Head Football Coach
Professor of Physical Education
1932-1941; 1945-1950

BERNARD W. (Bernie) BIERMAN

Bernie Bierman brought to the University of Minnesota, his alma mater, the Golden Era of Gopher football.

The State of Minnesota proudly claims Bernie as "its own" for he was born in Springfield, March 11, 1894. He "grew up" in Litchfield and Detroit Lakes, later matriculating at the University of Minnesota where he excelled in football, basketball, and track. For his proficiency in athletics and scholarship he was awarded the Western Conference Medal.

Bierman came to Minnesota from Tulane University in 1932 to bolster the Maroon and Gold football program. It didn't take long. The Golden horde of 1934 featuring a devastating single-wing attack was undefeated and proclaimed "National Champion." More than 40 years later this team is still regarded in authoritative quarters as one of the greatest college eleven's of all time. The 1935 team repeated the act. By this time the Golden Gophers were firmly established as one of the nation's elite, and Bierman was being hailed widely as the coaching genius he had proven himself to be. Plaques referring to him as the "Grey Eagle" and "Silver Fox" were appearing coast-to-coast. Minnesota enjoyed unprecedented nation-wide publicity.

Minnesota was voted National Champions in the first Associated Press poll in 1936 and the Bierman-led Gophers repeated for this honor with undefeated seasons in 1940 and 1941 before Bernie "went off to war" for the second time as a colonel in the Marine Corps. He returned to the UM helm in 1945. While his teams were always respected and commanding, earlier successes eluded him. He retired from coaching at the conclusion of the 1950 season.

THE BIERMAN RECORD

WAR SERVICE - Marine Corps officer both World Wars.
ALL-TIME COACHING RECORD - 162 wins, 87 losses, 11 ties.
MINNESOTA RECORD - 92 wins, 34 losses, 6 ties.
NATIONAL TITLES - 1934, 1935, 1936, 1940, 1941.
CONFERENCE TITLES - 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1940, 1941.
UNDEFEATED SEASONS - 1933 (4 ties), 1934, 1935, 1940, 1941.
LONGEST WIN STREAKS - 28 undefeated (1933-36); 21 victories (1933-36).
ALL AMERICANS: Ends - Butch Larson, Ray King
Tackles - Dick Smith, Ed Widsenth, Urban Osdon, Dick Wikberg, Leo Nomsellist
Centers - Clayton Tommenaker
Guards - Bill Bevan, Bud Wilkinson
Backs - Pug Lund, Sonny Franck, Bruce Smith
COACHING HONORS - National Football Foundation Hall of Fame
Helms Foundation Hall of Fame
Parental co-head coach of East team in Shrine East - West game
Tutor coach of College All Stars vs. Professional champions
Coach of Year Award
President, Football Coaches Association

Bernie's death took place March 8, 1977 at Laguna Hills, California where he and his wife, Clara, resided since his retirement.

The above plaque is mounted on the case in the lobby of Bierman Field Athletic Building which contains the bronze bust of Mr. Bierman. The bust was presented to The University of Minnesota at impressive ceremonies last spring at the Minnesota Alumni Club. It was financed by Bierman's former players. The Biermans were in attendance as were more than 100 of 'Bernie's Boys.'

No public memorial services have been or will be held. A private graveside service in the Twin Cities will be held at a date to be determined by Mrs. Bierman with only members of the immediate family present.

The Bierman family requests memorials to the Henry L. Williams Memorial Fund, Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department, 220 Bierman Field Athletic Building, 516 15th Ave. S. E., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. 55455

Gophers enjoying excellent year

The 1976-77 sports year has proven to be a good one for UM teams, especially in Big Ten championship meets.

The football team tied for third in Big Ten play and with 32 returning lettermen, prospects point to another fine season. Returning for 1977 are 8 of 11 defensive starters and 4 of 11 offensive performers.

Also finishing third during fall competition was the cross-country team. Unfortunately because of a rule change, only the top two finishers in the Big Ten cross-country championships qualified their whole team. Consequently the Gophers could not compete in the NCAA finals.

Record-setting is the only way to describe the performances of the winter sports teams. In basketball, the single-season victory record was broken when the Gophers finished 24-3 and claimed second in the final Big Ten Conference standings. Mike Thompson set the all-time scoring record in his junior year and Ray Williams broke his old assist mark in his final season.

The wrestlers, led by senior co-captains Evan Johnson and Mike McArthur, finished with a 16-7 record and sixth-place national ranking for the regular season. The Big Ten championships found the Gophers in the runner-up position for the second straight year with two individual champions, two seconds and two thirds. Also for the second year in a row a Minnesotan was named the meet's outstanding wrestler. McArthur followed last year's meet MVP (now assistant coach Larry Zilverberg) to that award in 1977. Six Gophers qualified for the NCAA finals, a record number. They finished fourth with Pat Neu claiming a championship at 134 pounds and Johnson and McArthur both finishing as runners-up.

In winning the Big Ten title for the second time in as many years, the Gopher gymnasts scored a record-setting 422 points. With a 10-3 regular season record, the only losses the team had were to Big Eight opponents Nebraska and twice to Iowa State. Against Big Ten teams, the Gophers were 6-0 during the regular season. As was expected, the Gopher leader was junior Tim LaFleur, who won his second all-around title in the Big Ten championships. If LaFleur could win his third all-around title next year he would join an elite group of only four other Big Ten gymnasts to win three straight. In the NCAA finals held in early April in Tempe, Arizona, the team finished fifth.

Despite a ninth-place Big Ten finish in track, the squad was undefeated in dual meet competition, beating such schools as Drake, Iowa State, Iowa, Northwestern and South Dakota State. They also won the four-team Northern Iowa Invitational. Freshman sprinter Roger Frazier set an indoor school record in the 60-yard dash with his run of :06.1

The Gopher tankers amassed a 7-5 record during the regular season, the best since 1972 at Minnesota. The record could easily have been 8-4 if the one-point loss to Iowa could have been reversed. On the way to the 7-5 record, the swimmers set nearly 30 new records in both the freshman and varsity categories combined.

Stoll pleased with football recruiting results

According to head football coach Cal Stoll, this year's recruiting efforts left little to be desired.

"We went after several commodities," Stoll says, "but speed was paramount. My staff and I were able to sign what appears to be an excellent freshman class for 1977. Among the 25 newcomers who accepted tenders to attend Minnesota, no less than eight have been clocked under 10 seconds for 100 yards. There is also good size and quickness among interior linemen, but those at the skilled positions appear to be our keys."

Besides the newcomers, coach Stoll gave tenders to two returning varsity players from last season who played without aid, and also two additional transfers who came to Minnesota last fall but had to sit out one calendar year.

"In total we are very positive about our recruiting efforts," Stoll adds. "First and foremost we were successful in signing the key products we recruited from Minnesota high schools. That, to us, is the top line every year. Then we filled out



Stoll

Memorial Stadium returns to grass

Memorial Stadium at the University of Minnesota is taking on a new look . . . or is that an old look? At any rate, the home of the Golden Gophers is getting a face lifting as the Tartan Turf is removed and replaced by real grass.

The decision to make the change resulted from a U of M study which deemed player safety as the number one factor.

"Our artificial turf had been in use for seven seasons," according to Holger Christiansen, athletic finances and facilities coordinator, "and it simply had lost its resiliency and ability to absorb impact. The University's study showed that it should be replaced, and economically it seemed more feasible to return to real grass than install another artificial surface."

Once the artificial turf was removed, it was sold to the public on a first come, first serve basis, for \$15.00 a roll (three feet wide and 20 feet long).

Preparation of the surface and seeding will immediately follow that procedure in a strict timetable designed to have the new grass ready for the 1977 season.

The change over at Memorial Stadium has required Coach Cal Stoll to alter his spring football practice session, however. Daily practices are being moved to the Bierman Field complex and spring scrimmages have been scheduled at Rochester, Bloomington, Osseo, St. Cloud and Parade Stadium.

Stoll has mixed emotions about the change. "There is a great advantage to synthetic turf because of weather conditions," Stoll analyzed, "both for practice and for games."

But Stoll admits looking ahead to playing seven games on real grass in Memorial Stadium next fall. "Football was designed to be played on grass whenever possible," he said, and while we probably will have a disadvantage playing on the road, we will have a definite home field advantage."

While the cost factor, the inconvenience and the tight time schedule have caused concern, the total situation has not been without its moments of humor as slogans promoting Minnesota's seven game home schedule in 1977 will attest.

One of prominence relates to the old adage that "If Cows Can't Eat It, We Won't Play On It." Another boasts "Our Grass Is Greener." And the NCCA message of recent years urging students to "Get High On Sports, Not Drugs" may have been the inspiration for another favorite. . . "Get High On The Grass At Memorial Stadium."

our needs by recruiting the best possible athletes we scouted from other areas."

The 11 Minnesota high school products recruited this year are: Jim Anderson-OT, Fairbault; Rick Bowen-LB, St. Paul Tartan; Chris Bebel-OT, St. Paul St. Thomas; Scott Dowd-LB, Park Center; Jim Fahnhorst-TE, St. Cloud Tech; Tom Johanson-LB, Cloquet; Kevin Peters-HB, Cloquet; Bill Prairie-DB, Rosemount; Greg Pylatiuk-QB, Columbia Heights; Mike Orgas-OG, Park Center; and Dave Vanzo-FB, LB, Wayzata. Bowen spent last year at Lakewood Junior College and will be a sophomore next fall.

The four "walk-ons," those not originally offered tenders, include junior John Kuduk-NG, Minneapolis Edison, and sophomore John Hoffman-SS, Duluth Morgan Park. Both played last season. Two more walk-ons who transferred to Minnesota last fall are Elmer Bailey-WR, HB, St. Paul Mechanic Arts, and Jim Marcella-WR, Virginia.

Incoming freshmen recruits from outside Minnesota include: Roy Artis-HB, Lawnside, NJ; Marion Barber-HB, Detroit, MI; Chester Cooper-WR, Paulsboro, NJ; Ken Dallafior-T, Madison Hgts., MI; Duane Gregory-HB, Chicago, IL; Brent Harms-LN, Rice Lake, WI; Glen Howard-QB, HB, Paulsboro, NJ; Kurt Mangum-LB, Evanston, IL; McKinley Nash-NG, Evanston, IL; Mike Nielson-T, Sturgeon Bay, WI; Dana Noel-HB, Wheaton, IL; Brad Odegard-OT, Agoura, CA; Jeff Snodgrass-T, Valparaiso, IN; and Garry White-HB, Rockdale, TX.

Paul Olson joins UM football coaching staff

The University of Minnesota has completed its football coaching staff. Paul Olson was named April 4 to join Cal Stoll and the Gophers as assistant offensive line coach, with that appointment pending final approval from the U of M's Board of Regents.

Olson, 26, has served as head football coach at Woodbury High School the past two years. He joined the U of M staff in time for the start of spring practice April 16.

A 1972 graduate of St. Olaf College, Olson spent two seasons on the Gopher staff as a graduate assistant while working on his masters' degree in 1973 and 1974.

At St. Olaf, Olson earned varsity letters in football and baseball, led his teams to conference championships for three consecutive years, was the football team captain in 1971 and was named Most Outstanding Lineman as a tight end during his senior year.

Olson attended Henry Sibley High School in West St. Paul and was graduated in 1968 after distinguishing



Olson

himself as a prep athlete by winning letters in football, basketball and baseball and being named his team's Most Valuable Player as a senior.

"I'm extremely happy to be returning to the University of Minnesota," Olson said. "I've spent most of my life in Minnesota and always followed the Gophers. I look forward to the opportunity to be working with Cal Stoll again. In fact I consider it a Golden opportunity!"

Stoll was just as excited about Olson's return to Gold Country. "Paul did an outstanding job for us as a graduate assistant," Stoll said. "He impressed us a great deal and he's done extremely well at Woodbury High School. We're delighted to have him back. In fact we're very pleased to have a successful coach from the Minnesota High School ranks join our staff."

A look at Gopher spring sports prospects



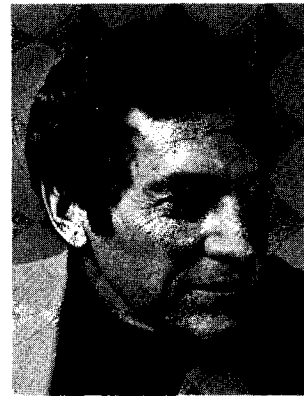
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— BASEBALL —

Following annual spring trips to compete and practice in sunnier climes, the four Gopher spring sports teams returned to Minnesota the end of March and are going full tilt in their schedules.

The baseball team, headed by Dick Siebert in his 30th season at Minnesota, started the 1977 season with a 2-6 record during the Texas trip, but gained some valuable insight to bolster their bid for the Big Ten title.

The surprise of the trip may have been the finding of another pitcher, junior Brian Denman. Denman was the Gopher regular first baseman last season. Siebert had him pegged for some relief work this season in addition to his first base duties, but Denman started against Texas and lost a nail-biting 3-2 decision. This spring Texas set an NCAA record for consecutive wins. They were 30-0 when Denman pitched against them.

Joining Denman on the mound will be Perry Bauer, returning from elbow surgery, Chuck Viskocil, Dan Morgan and Jerry Ujdur. The strength of the Gopher pitching crew led Siebert to say, following the Texas trip, "Our pitching, for the most part, was excellent."

Returning centerfielder Tommy Mee led the team with a .333 batting average in Texas. Other returning starters for the Gophers are Paul Molitor at shortstop, an all-American last season; Jeff Neutzling in left field; Mike Bruss at third; George Dierberger and Tom Jagiela, catchers; and Denman at first. Only two starters, other than pitchers, graduated from last year's squad that set a record 38 wins.

— TENNIS —

The Gopher tennis team, with all-conference selection Mark Brandenburg and captain Tom Nelson, will mix veteran with newcomer this season. Joining Brandenburg, the Gophers top singles player, in doubles play will be Mike Trautner. Trautner, a freshman from Pierre, S.D., won three singles championships in the South Dakota state tourney and had a very impressive spring trip. Nelson joins letterman Mark Nammacher at second doubles. All four will play singles.

Another top newcomer is Mark Wheaton, a two-time Minnesota high school singles champion from Minnetonka.

Two transfers, Tom Eyrich and Grant Helgeson, will round out the singles entries. Wheaton and Helgeson will form the third doubles team. Eyrich played for Central Texas last year, the number one JUCO team in the nation. Helgeson played for Northern Idaho and reached the JUCO quarter-finals in singles play.

The Gophers opened their Big Ten schedule with a 9-0 whitewash of Purdue and followed with a 5-4 conquest of Michigan State.

— GOLF —

Green is the color for the golf team this year for reasons besides the obvious. New is coach Rick Ehrmantraut, a former Gopher golfer, as is over half his squad.

Captain Kevin Treacy and Miles Prestemon are the only two real veterans on the squad. Prestemon tied for sixth in last year's Big Ten championships.

Of the leading newcomers, three are freshmen and all were runners-up in prestigious high school tournaments. Ray Pontinen was the Class AA runner-up and Mark Frie the Class A runner-up in last year's state high school meet. Gary Gabrielson has been the runner-up in the state junior meet the past two seasons.

Junior college transfers Dan Luther and Brian Sund, both native Minnesotans, are former state champs. Luther was an independent high school champ and Sund a former state junior champ.

In early season action, the team showed well against the more experienced southern teams. In the Morris Williams Invitational in Texas, Prestemon finished 19th out of 168 golfers, a feat Ehrmantraut calls amazing considering the limiting conditions Minnesotans play in while southern schools have already played a number of matches.

Prestemon proved a pleasant surprise by winning the prestigious Kepler Invitational at Ohio State April 15 - 16.

— TRACK —

Added strength in the sprints and field events should give the Gophers a lift this spring in track and field.

Chomping at the bit so to speak, to get at the longer outdoor races, freshmen sprint sensations Roger Frazier, Elwin Burditte and Ike Okolue should provide a strong test for any opponent.

Coming off shoulder surgery, Bryan Mortland had a very successful indoor season in the pole vault, as did Bobby Weber in the long jump. Freshman Jay Bunke will do well in the triple and long jump.

The distance events, featuring all-American Steve Plasencia, will be bolstered with Brad Holmberg, Dave Johnson, and steeplechasers Larry Berkner and Tim O'Donnell. Hurdlers Dave Gaither and Bob Ringer provide a one-two punch comparable to any or all of the Gopher competition this spring. Captain Andy Bunge leads the middle distance people.

The Gopher medley relay team of Okolue (quarter mile), Bunge (half mile), Gerald Metzler (three-quarter mile), and Plasencia (mile) established a new UM school record of 9 minutes 39.63 seconds in placing fifth in the recent Texas Relays. This bettered the previous mark by 11 seconds.



A new room as such has been added to Williams Arena. Formerly the M Room, the refurbished facility is now the Gold Room, thanks to the Golden Dunkers basketball group.

At basketball games, the Gold Room is for the exclusive use of the Golden Dunkers, their guests and athletic officials and personnel. For non-basketball events, the room can be used for any athletic department function as it was for the national AIAW basketball tournament and the Big Ten gymnastics meet.

New furnishings in the room include draperies, couches, serving counter and maroon carpeting with an inset gold M, all paid for by the Golden Dunkers.

Some of the Dunkers' officers active in the refurbishing project are shown above in the Gold Room (L-R): Larry Fischer, Gordon Nevers, M President Paul Presthus, Gary DeMars, Ron McKee.

Bierman Briefs

The present legal standing of the case between the University of Minnesota and the NCAA has made its appeal to the earlier decision handed down in UM's favor, and the University has responded. As of now the case is before the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, Missouri awaiting assignment. Information has it that it could be as late as next fall before an opening appears on the court docket and the case is heard.

Football coach Cal Stoll will return his charges to basic maroon and bright gold (as opposed to old gold) colors when the Gophers don their football uniforms next fall. Game pants will be bright gold with double maroon stripes down the side, and home jerseys solid maroon with bright gold numbers front, back and on the sleeves. Away jerseys remain white with maroon numbers and piping. Helmets this season will be painted maroon.

Gopher wrestling coach Wally Johnson received a mid-season award from the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association for his "outstanding contributions to the sport of amateur wrestling in the state of Minnesota." This is the second award Johnson has received in as many years, as last season he was the NCAA "coach of the year."

The Gopher athletic department salutes the Control Data Corporation for again participating in sponsorship of all three 1976-77 season highlight films of football, basketball, and hockey being produced by Sports Films and Talents of Edina. In addition, special thanks goes out to the Pillsbury Company and the Golden Dunkers for financial aid to the basketball film. Prints of these excellent productions are available for viewing free of charge to anyone at either the U. of M. Sports Information Office (373-5236) or Control Data (853-5096).

Football scrimmages, spring game scheduled off campus

Because of the conversion of Memorial Stadium from artificial turf to natural grass this spring, coach Cal Stoll has been forced to schedule all scrimmages and the final spring football game at sites away from the campus. The Gopher gridders will appear at the following cities on Saturdays for intra-squad games: Rochester, 1:30 p.m. April 23; Bloomington, 7:30 p.m. April 29; Osseo, 1:30 p.m. May 7; and St. Cloud, 1:30 p.m. May 14. The annual spring game has been scheduled for Parade Stadium in downtown Minneapolis Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. Proceeds from each of the above games will be donated to the Williams Fund in the athletic department.

Mike Wynn added to staff

Mike Wynn is a new member of the University of Minnesota football coaching staff. He replaces Norm Parker on the Gopher staff. Parker resigned in December. Mike will work with the defensive line.



Wynn

A member of Alex Agase's staff at Purdue for the past four seasons, Wynn broke into the collegiate coaching ranks under Agase at Northwestern in 1972.

"We're pleased that Mike will be with us," Stoll said. "He's worked extensively with defensive linemen, and will be a valuable addition to our football staff."

After gaining all-state honors as a tackle at Evanston, Ill., High School, Wynn journeyed to the University of Nebraska where he earned a starting defensive end position for three straight years with the Cornhuskers.

During those years, Wynn was a member of the Nebraska eleven that played in the 1970 Sun Bowl, and he also was selected to the West Squad for the 1970 Hula Bowl.

Following his graduation from Nebraska in 1970, Wynn played one year of professional football with the Oakland Raiders before returning to Evanston and his spot on the Northwestern staff.

Mike, 29, and his wife Marcia have two children.....Kelli, 8, and Laura, 5.

Cheerleading captains say "Thanks"

The following letter of appreciation was recently received by UM Athletic Director Paul Giel from Dede Savage and Steve Quady, retiring UM cheerleading captains:

Dear Mr. Giel:

"In reflection of this past fall and winter athletic seasons, we would like to congratulate you on the successful 'Minnesota Experience' that came about despite the many complications and forces you and your department were called on to deal with.

"As students of the University, we are both thankful to have been involved with the many components that come together to make each event a fun and exciting collegiate spectacle. We recognize the tremendous efforts you have made in producing a total program at the U of M and appreciate your attention to involve the cheerleading team.

"As resigning captains, we will be looking forward to a new and improved squad with an aim to complement each major athletic event and support your department in any way they can."



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TIME OUT

Record \$60,000 goal set for Wayzata Sportacular May 16

By
Jaye Dyer, Chairman
1975-76-77

Paul Giel and President Peter Magrath have maintained a total athletic program at the University of Minnesota during a rough period. Gate receipts from football, basketball and hockey are now improving and momentum is gaining in Williams Fund activities throughout the state.

Within the past three years, the Wayzata Sportacular has become the major outside contributor to their effort. Businessmen have teamed with the Wayzata Country Club to sponsor a sports outing that has featured outstanding speakers, sports notables, and sports activities. Headliners like Bud Wilkinson, Fran Tarkenton, Bart Starr, and Bob Griese have led to annual sell outs.

The 1977 WAYZATA SPORTACULAR will be held Monday, May 16, at the expanded and remodeled Wayzata Country Club. Our special luncheon speaker will be JESSE OWENS, considered by sports experts to be the greatest track and field star in American history. In 1960, Jesse Owens was selected over immortals such as Jim Thorpe and Bobby Jones as the "Champion of the Century" by the country's sports writers. This is a rare opportunity to hear an individual, unique in sports history, and a truly inspirational speaker.

Tickets are \$100 each. Make out checks (deductible) to the Williams Fund and return to Jaye Dyer, Chairman, 1977, Wayzata Sportacular, 1180 Shelard Tower, Wayzata Blvd. at Hy. 18, Mpls., Mn. 55426. It's a great all-day sports program so get your reservations in right now! If you can't personally attend, send your check anyway and let your family, friends or business associates participate.

While Jesse Owens headlines the 1977 Sportacular, other outstanding events have been added this year. So read the schedule of activities carefully.

SPORTACULAR ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

To spread our golf play and permit a smoother round, we are providing morning and afternoon shotguns at Woodhill and Wayzata Country Clubs. The morning round will overlap the luncheon so we are introducing a breakfast program for our morning athletes. And it, too, is outstanding!

The University of Michigan has a remarkable athletic program and facilities. The man most responsible is their Director, Mr. Don Canham, who will headline our breakfast program. Before becoming Director of Athletics in 1968, Don had two illustrious careers simultaneously. As head track coach, he led the Wolverines to 12 Big Ten track titles during one 12-year period and wrote five books on track in the process. In addition, he started a sports equip-

ment company which became very successful and was placed in trust when he was appointed athletic director.

Sharing the spotlight will be Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch, Wisconsin's Director of Athletics for the past 8 years. What a career! A Wisconsin football legend in just one season; won an "M" in four sports at Michigan as a Marine trainee; member of Professional Football's Hall of Fame, and a member of the all-time NFL All-Star team with the Los Angeles Rams.

Our own Athletic Director and Collegiate Hall of Famer, Paul Giel, will be our master of ceremonies. Gopher coaches, players and staff will be on hand to visit about current and future prospects.

Your \$100 ticket entitles you to both of these great sports programs or any combination of a program and a sports activity. That's the best sports bargain ever!

Also, for the first time, we are introducing tennis events. We are prepared for morning and afternoon events at both Wayzata and Woodhill. No reason you can't play one in the morning and another in the afternoon plus either the breakfast or lunch. You'll play round robin doubles to determine our first Sportacular champions!

There's more yet! We will have golf champions and Bruce Reinecker will have the Wayzata Country Club Skeet and Trap range open for the shooters with a \$100 ticket. Shells will be available at regular club rates.

At the end of the past Sportaculars, only bar service has been available during the wind down. Not so this year. Don Abel, Wayzata Country Club manager, will offer cocktail and dinner service throughout the evening (not included in your ticket, of course) to accommodate those who like to entertain their guests at this spectacular sports event.

Finally, punctuating the card games and cocktails, Gopher highlight films in hockey, basketball and football will be run throughout the evening with coaches commentary.

It's a day you can't afford to miss!

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Program - Paul Giel; Sales Materials - Mike Brandt; Printing - Fred Carlson; Sales - Wayne Jimmerson; Golf - Carson Herron; Skeet and Trap - Bruce Reinecker; Tennis - Bill Quick; Guest Celebs - Giel/Dyer; Arrangements - Don Abel; Public Relations - Mike Bolin, Sr.; Call Girls - Betty Dyer.

Oak Ridge All Sports Day scheduled for May 23

The fifth annual oak Ridge Country Club Members, Celebrities, and Friends All Sports Day featuring a new format will be held Monday, May 23. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey will be the special guest. This is a Williams Fund event.

A golf shotgun event and tennis competition are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. starts. A special brunch will be available at 11:30 a.m. The All Sports Day will culminate in a banquet at 7:30 p.m. following a social hour at 6:30. Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the banquet. Entrants in the golf may make up their own foursomes.

Berg-Bolstad golf benefit May 9

The Patty Berg/Les Bolstad Golf Scholarship Benefit, dedicated to support of the University of Minnesota womens' and mens' intercollegiate golf programs will be held at Golden Valley Country Club, Monday, May 9.

This is the only benefit specifically for golf and open to both men and women. Participants can specify that donations go to the Patty Berg Development Fund, the Williams Fund or be divided between them.

The event is a 5-person scramble limited to 160 players with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. People may enter individually or make up their own groups — men, women or mixed.

For those who prefer tennis there will be a round-robin event beginning at the same time.

Entry is \$50 per person for golf/tennis and dinner, \$35 for dinner only.

Dinner reservations are limited to 300. Donations are tax deductible.

Entries should be sent to Vicki Arnold, Bierman Building, University of Minnesota. Checks should be made out to the University of Minnesota.

The Second Annual Arizona — Minnesota Golf Outing held February 21 at the Pima C.C. in Scottsdale, Arizona netted \$6,379.19 for the Williams Fund.

Many of the 80 plus entrants in the golf event journeyed from Minnesota to join many Minnesotans now residing in Sun city, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Rio Verde, and Fountain Hills. The dinner following golf was attended by 125. Rollie Johnson of WCCO-TV special events who winters at Fountain Hills was chairman for the event.

Golden Gopher Walleye Contest May 14-15

The Golden Gopher Walleye Contest, now in its second year, is an adventure designed to raise money for the Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department at the University of Minnesota, and have outdoors fun at the same time.

This energetic promotion with a new angle for the angler centers around a button sale campaign and a fishing contest, with prizes slated for the winners.

Qualifying buttons may be purchased at various outlets throughout Minnesota.

Anyone purchasing a \$1.00 button will be eligible to compete in the Gopher fishing contest to be staged throughout Minnesota, May 14 and 15, the opening weekend of the walleye season.

The angler who has purchased a button and catches and enters the heaviest walleye will have to choose between a 1977 Ford Pinto and a \$4,000 Lund boat-Johnson motor-Balko trailer combination. The second prize will be what the champ does not select.

Other coveted prizes include a week's vacation for two at McArdle's Resort on Big Winnie, near Grand Rapids, and a week's fly-in fishing trip into the Canadian wilderness, courtesy of Rusty Myers Flying Services, Fort Frances, Ontario.

All-expense-paid trips to any Gopher football game on the road next fall and similar excursions during the basketball and hockey season also will be awarded, as well as a pair of season tickets for each of those sports.

Buttons, which also will serve as an admission ticket to this year's spring football game on May 21, have been distributed to more than 250 fishing 'hot spots' around the state.

All proceeds will go to the Williams Fund. Paul Giel describes the Fund as having two distinct purposes. "It enables the University to lend financial assistance to those student athletes from all of our 11 sports, who attain and maintain a B average during their careers at Minnesota. It also is available at our discretion, for use in augmenting the operating budget of the Athletic Department."

Giel stresses the fact that the University of Minnesota has pledged itself to maintaining a total, competitive and quality program in men's intercollegiate athletics.

"The success of a venture such as the Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest is vital to our Department, which remains nearly 100 per cent self-sustaining," Giel said.

Spearheading the promotion is Rollie Johnson, noted TV sports personality and Minnesota outdoorsman, and Murray Warmath, Assistant Athletic Director.

RULES: 1977 GOLDEN GOPHER WALLEYE FISHING CONTEST

1. The contest opens at 12:01 a.m. Central Daylight Time Saturday, May 14, 1977.
2. Entry must be made at any of the officially designated weigh-in stations no later than 5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 1977.
3. In case of doubt concerning correct weight of any entry, permission must be granted by contestant for Walleye to be opened and examined.
4. Top entries at each weigh-in station will be reported to contest headquarters by an OFFICIAL representative of the weigh-in station between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 1977. NO ENTRIES FROM ANY WEIGH-IN STATION WILL BE RECEIVED AFTER THE ABOVE TIME PERIOD!
5. Winners will be notified no later than Tuesday, May 17, 1977. Prizes will be awarded at the University of Minnesota football game May 21.
6. Only the WEIGHT of the Walleye is considered in this competition.



PLANNING GOLDEN GOPHER SHOOT OUT. This committee is planning a new event for the Williams Fund — a trapshoot to be held Wednesday, August 31 at the Minneapolis Gun Club. Pictured back row (L-R): UM AD Paul Giel, Win Stephens, Bob Haag (inset), Murray Warmath, assistant to Giel, Tom Barron, Williams Fund Director. Seated (L-R): Rollie Johnson, chairman, Jimmy Robinson, Dave Yaeger.

Shooting hours will be 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal social period and buffet. Competition will be held in classes A, B, C with prizes in each class. Each participant will receive a special Gopher belt buckle and lapel-tie pin. The Minneapolis Gun Club may be reached by taking 35W south to Minnreg Road and turning West.

5,753 fishing buttons sold at Sports Show

The Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department had a booth at the recent Sport Show at the Minneapolis Auditorium to promote the Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest May 14-15.

Members of the men's intercollegiate staff took turns at manning the booth for the 10 days of the show. A total of 5,753 buttons making the purchaser eligible for the contest were sold at \$1.00 with proceeds going to the Williams Fund.

Shown in the photo (L-R) are AD Paul Giel who was "Caught" by the camera hawking buttons; Chairman Rollie Johnson, and show Manager Phil Perkins with Assistant Football Coach Butch Nash in background between them.



Al Krejci turns Austin into Gopher sports hotspot

A series of luncheons and dinners sponsored by officials of the Hormel Co. in Austin for members of the UM Athletic Department blossomed in 1973 into Austin's First Annual Williams Fund — thanks to the addiction of a young man named Allan Krejci to the University's athletic program.

Allan, a graduate of Ellendale high school in 1960, was born into and raised in a newspaper family. His father and uncle are co-publishers of the weekly newspapers in Ellendale and Blooming Prairie. By the time Allan reached college age he had been exposed to most everything there was to be done in a small town newspaper shop. When in 1960 he enrolled at the University of Minnesota aiming at a degree in Journalism there was every reason to believe this would be his field of endeavor. Indications pointed further in this direction when he served as student assistant in the Sports Information office at the University during his junior-senior years.

This exposure really indoctrinated "Al" and fanned to blaze proportions the athletic interests that dominated his extra-curricular life. University of Minnesota sports in particular became an obsession with him.

It appeared that corporate public relations might have prevailed over athletic involvement when Krejci (Pronounced Krage) accepted a position in the Hormel Public Relations department during spring quarter of his senior year and went to work there three days after graduation.

Rather than the end of his involvement in athletics, this was to be the birth in 1973 of a new sports-oriented project — the First Annual Austin Williams Fund Golf Outing and Banquet. It was the first outstate civic Williams Fund money raising event. Typical enthusiasm on Al's part resulted in 162 people from the Austin area purchasing \$15 tickets and \$2,430.15 was raised.

Rather than diminish as the years go by, Krejci's enthusiasm has multiplied, resulting in increased participation and interest by sports fans of the area. Attendance and income has jumped each year. In 1976, the fourth Austin Williams Fund event, 205 people participated, purchasing either \$30 or \$100 tickets. Tennis has been added as an attraction. The golf - tennis - banquet plus Hormel's contributions totalled \$8,134.43, the largest sum raised by any similar outstate event.

Hormel has made an annual contribution of \$500 at each Williams Fund banquet. In addition, the 40 Hormel employees participating had their Williams Fund gifts matched through the Company's Matching Gifts Program to bring Hormel's total 1976 contribution to \$1,540.

"We are already assured of a complete sellout (144 golfers, 36 tennis

1977 Williams Fund Events

MAY 1976

Monday, May 9

Patty Berg—Les Bolstad
Golf Tourney

Golden Valley
Country Club

Sat. & Sun., May 14 & 15

Golden Gopher
Fishing Contest

Land of 10,000 Lakes

Monday, May 16

Wayzata Sportacular

Wayzata Country Club

Monday, May 23

Oak Ridge All Sports Day

Oak Ridge Country Club

Tuesday, May 31

Red Wood Falls
Golf Tourney

Redwood Falls
Country Club

JUNE

Monday, June 6

Anoka Golf Tourney

Anoka Country Club

Tuesday, June 7

Austin Golf Tourney

Austin Country Club

Wednesday, June 8

Rochester Golf Tourney

Rochester Country Club

Monday, June 13

Pat Crist Golf Tourney

Hastings Country Club

Wednesday, June 15

Hibbing Golf Tourney

Hibbing Country Club

Monday, June 20

Stillwater Golf Tourney

Stillwater Country Club

Tuesday, June 21

New Ulm Golf Tourney

New Ulm Country Club

Thursday, June 23

Winona Golf Tourney

Winona Country Club

Monday, June 27

Bruce Smith Golf Tourney

Faribault Country Club

Wednesday, June 29

B.I.G. Gold Building
Industries Golf

Bunker Hills Country Club
Coon Rapids

JULY

Monday, July 11

Celebrity Golf Tourney

Midland Hills Country Club

Tuesday, July 26

St. Peter Golf Tourney

Le Sueur Country Club

AUGUST

Monday, August 29

John Mariucci Williams
Fund Outing

Southview Country Club

Wednesday, August 31

Golden Gopher Shootout

West St. Paul
Minneapolis Gun Club

To be announced
(1977)

St. Paul Stag

Midland Hills
Country Club

To be announced
(1977)

Wine Tasting Festival

North Central Airlines

For further information on any of these events please call 376-4670.



This group might well be called "regulars" in the annual Williams Fund outing at Austin.

Standing (L-R) are Cal Stoll, UM head football coach, Des Blocher, Austin advertising executive, Don Fox, Austin high school head football coach.

Golf cart occupants are Paul Giel, UM athletic director, and Al Krejci, major domo of the highly successful affair at the Austin Country Club.

players, plus 25 dinner tickets) for the Fifth Annual event June 7," asserts the indefatigable Krejci with pardonable pride. He has been working hard at it

for months. "And don't forget," adds Al, "this Williams benefit is a Community-wide function to which many, many businesses and professional and business leaders offer financial and moral support. Hundreds of Austin people are cooperating to make this event so popular and successful."

Krejci's responsibilities with Hormel have increased steadily and would tie most any average person to his desk. But then Allan Krejci is obviously not an "average" person. He serves as an assistant to the company's Corporate Secretary and is Director of Public Relations. He is responsible for Hormel internal and external publications, including the annual report and other diversified PR functions.

All the time and energy spent on the Austin event by no means accounts for Al's involvement in Gopher athletics. He hasn't missed a home football game since 1960 and only four away games since 1964. He rarely misses a home basketball or hockey game. He plays in as many Williams Fund golf events as time will permit and used vacation time to show up for the Arizona-Minnesota Williams Fund golf event at Scottsdale, Arizona, Feb. 21.

Al's endearment with the University of Minnesota is further enhanced by the fact that he met his wife, Connie, a Cooke Hall secretary, while he was working in the Sports Information office. They have two children — Laura 11 and David 8.

Coatta joins football staff

John Coatta has joined the University of Minnesota football coaching staff as an assistant to Cal Stoll, pending final approval from the U of M's Board of Regents.

Coatta, 47, replaced Tom Moore as the Gophers' offensive coordinator after Moore resigned earlier this spring to accept a post with the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League.

"We're pleased to have John join our staff," Stoll said. "He has the kind of qualifications we've been looking for in a person to coordinate our offense . . . including knowledge and experience. We know he can do an outstanding job for us."

Head coach at Mankato State University for the past seven seasons, Coatta also served as head coach at the University of Wisconsin from 1967 through 1969.

A graduate of Wisconsin, Coatta played quarterback for the Badgers from 1949 through 1951 and filled that school's record books with his personal accomplishments.

After being graduated from Wisconsin in 1953, Coatta spent two years in military service and then returned to Madison to serve as a graduate assistant and receive his masters' degree. From 1959 through 1965, Coatta held the post of backfield coach at Florida State where he finally established himself as one of the nation's leading tutors of a wide open passing game.

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1977 MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 10	WESTERN MICHIGAN — HOME
Sept. 17	Ohio State — Columbus
Sept. 24	U.C.L.A. — HOME
Oct. 1	WASHINGTON — HOME
Oct. 8	Iowa — Iowa City
Oct. 15	NORTHWESTERN — HOME
Oct. 22	MICHIGAN — HOME
Oct. 29	Indiana — Lafayette
Nov. 5	MICHIGAN STATE — HOME
Nov. 12	Illinois — Champaign
Nov. 19	WISCONSIN — HOME



Three graduating seniors pictured above with Coach Wally Johnson will not soon be forgotten in Gopher wrestling circles.

Standing in the back row with coach Wally Johnson is Evan Johnson, a four-year letterman. Evan in his four years won one Big Ten title this year, and placed second twice. In NCAA competition he has reached the finals the past two years, placing first and second at 190 pounds. He also finished fifth in the tournament along with a 2-0 record in the annual East-West all-star championships.

At front row (left) is 134-pounder Pat Neu. He is a three-year letterwinner and this year's NCAA champion. In Big Ten championships, Pat finished second twice and fifth once. Next to Neu is Mike McArthur, a four-year M winner. He was named the outstanding wrestler at both the Big Ten meet and the East-West all-star championships this past season. He is a two-time Big Ten champ at 118 pounds. In addition he finished second and fifth in the meet. Mike has finished as high as second and third in the NCAA meet.

Coach Johnson proudly points out that all three champions are native Minnesotans. Johnson's home is in Maple Plain. He attended Orono H.S. McArthur resides in Brooklin Park and is an Osseo H.S. graduate. Neu is Paynesville 'all the way.'

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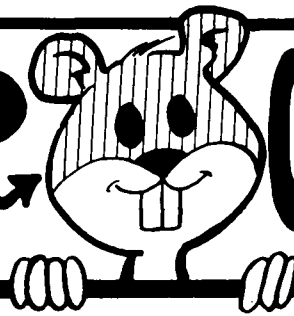
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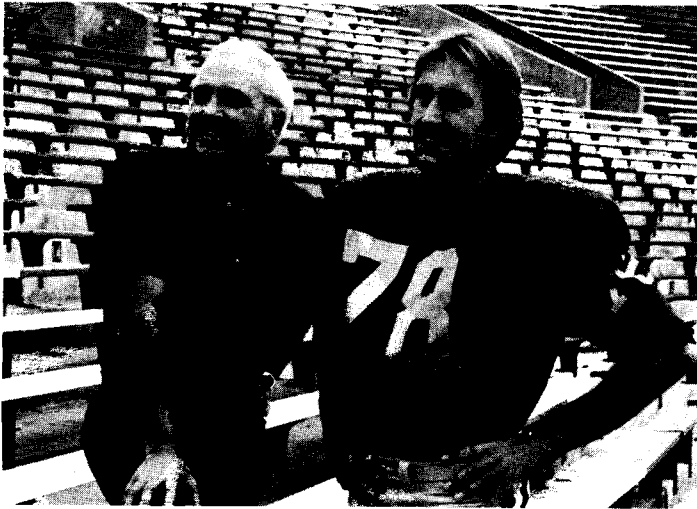
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They're For Real. . .the Gophers and the Grass



Coach Cal Stoll and Captain Steve Midboe

Gophers to unveil 7 in '77

Seven home games are on tap at Memorial Stadium for the 1977 Golden Gophers, and an ambitious promotional slate offering a "day" for nearly everyone has been conceived by the Gold Country athletic staff in an attempt to match that torrid pace.

Kicking things off will be a "Cap Day" venture scheduled Sept. 10 in the opener against Western Michigan, pre-season favorites to win the Mid-America Conference.

Anyone purchasing a \$5 Gold Country cap at the U of M's grandstand booth during the State Fair (or at the Bierman Field Building Athletic Ticket Office Sept. 5 through Sept. 9) receives free a \$4 general admission ticket to the first game. That special bonus offer ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 and will NOT be in effect the day of the game.

Then on Sept. 24 when the Gophers host UCLA, Industry Day activities will take over the spotlight with the Graduate M Club coordinating and promoting an energetic ticket sale drive among industries and business firms throughout Minnesota. Industry Day festivities also will include a special tribute to the late Bernie Bierman.

Band Day, an event which annually attracts more than 5,000 high school band members and cheerleaders to Memorial Stadium from throughout Minnesota, is on tap Oct. 1 when the Gophers meet Washington.

Homecoming, a gala event which again is taking on the traditional appearance established during the Golden Days with bonfires, a queen coronation, decorations and pep fests while capturing the true college football atmosphere, is slated Oct. 15 with Northwestern pitted as Minnesota's opponent.

Michigan invades Memorial Stadium on Oct. 22 in the traditional battle of the Little Brown Jug, and that confrontation also will feature the second annual American Legion Day

And then on Nov. 19 when Minnesota entertains Wisconsin in the 1977 season finale, the Harvest Bowl will take place. Sponsored by the U of M's College of Agriculture, the Harvest Bowl will attract and pay tribute to members of the agriculture and agriculture-related industries of Minnesota.

The University of Minnesota takes on a new look this fall, a look which promises an abundance of pageantry, fun and excitement for college football fans at Memorial Stadium where the Golden Gophers play "7 in '77" against the likes of intersectional powers UCLA and Washington and Big Ten rivals Michigan, Michigan State and Wisconsin.

With real grass replacing the artificial turf at Memorial Stadium, with the Gophers donning brand-spanking new uniforms, with Coach Cal Stoll inserting a wide-open new double wing offense, that new look seems obvious.

Tack on back-to-back 6-5 seasons coming into the '77 campaign (the first consecutive winning years at Minnesota since 1967-68), 31 returning lettermen and 20 days of what Coach Stoll has called "our best spring practice ever" and you visualize a sparkling hue returning to Gold Country this fall.

"Based on the number of experienced people we have returning," Stoll says, "we could field the toughest team assembled during my six years at Minnesota. I'm excited about our prospects."

Paul Giel, director of men's intercollegiate athletics at Minnesota, is even more excited. "We have an excellent team coming back," he echoes, "and we'll be playing an excellent seven-game home schedule."

Giel has urged fans to get their season tickets now. "A new stadium in the Twin Cities area now appears to be a reality," he says, "and that could mean the Gophers will be playing in a new home. People buying season tickets now will receive a ticket priority in that new stadium if we do move."

While Giel points to the color and excitement as integral parts of Minnesota's football picture, the focal point remains Stoll's Golden Gophers.

"We'll build around our defense," Stoll says, "and if we stay healthy, and if our new incoming people provide the quickness we've lacked in recent years, we'll field the best team we've had at Minnesota."

Captain elect Steve Midboe (6-4 229 Sr.) will anchor Minnesota's experienced defensive line at tackle. He'll be a three year-starter in '77. Providing physical and seasoned assistance will be Jim Ronan (6-4½, 254 Jr.) at the other tackle and Doug Friberg (6-3, 231 Jr.) and John Kuduk (6-1½, 230 Jr.) at nose guard. All are lettermen.

The end position appears just as salty with another three-year starter, Mark Merrill (6-4, 236 Sr.), plus part-time starters Steve Tobin (6-4½, 236 Jr.), Stan Sytsma (6-2½, 225 Jr.), Desi Williamson (6-1, 211 Sr.) and Steve Cunningham (6-6 224 Jr.) all in harness.

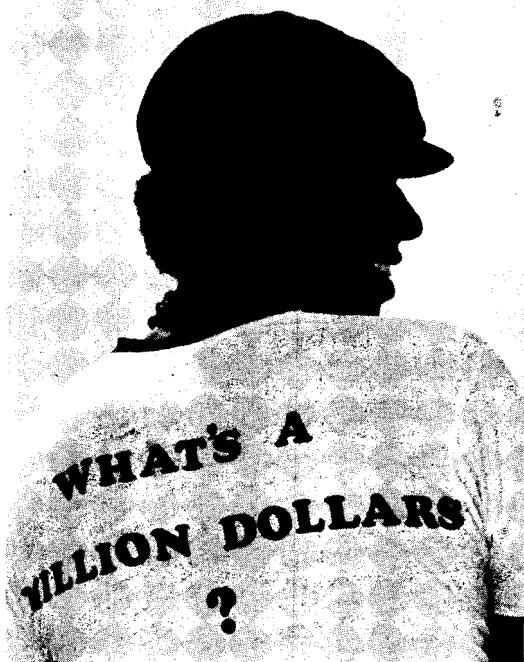
At linebacker, the same situation holds true. In Steve Stewart (6-3 217 Sr.) and Michael Hunt (6-2 239 Sr.), Stoll has a duo of gridders who have started side-by-side since their sophomore seasons and may be as good as any pair in the Big Ten Conference.

The Gopher secondary returns a veteran at each position with regulars Bobby Weber (5-10 170 Sr.) and Tom Luckemeyer (6-0 188 Sr.) back for their third season as starting cornerbacks. Toss in Brian Snyder (5-11 173 Jr.) at free safety and Kieth Brown (6-0 196 Jr.) at strong safety, and Minnesota's defense takes on a glowing appearance.

Minnesota's biggest task might be replacing record-setting Tony Dungy at quarterback. Six candidates battled through spring drills hoping to win the starting assignment, and it appears that Wendell Avery (6-1 175 So.) has emerged as number one.

Red-shirted last year, Avery has the quickness and the arm to get the job done. All he lacks at this point is experience. Lending depth are Marc Trestman, Mark Carlson and Joe Smith.

Gophers Rank As Solid Title Contenders



Mike Thompson Returns for Senior Year.

Minnesota Icemen Vow To Climb Back Up Ladder

According to hockey coach Herb Brooks, "Last year we paid our dues. This year we're going to start back up the ladder."

Strong words for a coach looking towards a new season. But then, Brooks has pulled off near miracles before, too.

Although Minnesota lost heavily in quality players if not in great numbers, Brooks has a strong nucleus returning and, on paper at least, recruited wisely by gaining some outstanding prospects who should fit right into areas that are the weakest.

Leading the returnees, are seniors Mark Lambert, Bruce Lind and Dan Bonk, juniors Phil Verchota and Jim O'Neil, plus soph standouts Eric Strobel, Rob McClanahan, Steve Christoff, Tim Harrer and Don Micheletti.

At the blueline seniors Jim Boo, Robin Larson and Joe Baker, junior Bill Baker and soph Peter Hayek are all back. Behind this group comes solid net minders Steve Janaszak, a junior, and soph Paul Joswaik. Both the latter enjoyed shining moments in 1976-77.

Incoming recruits are expected to step in and make solid contributions during their first season. Included are defenseman Steve Pepper and left wing David Terwilliger from Edina, MN, defenseman Perry Ardito from Sault Ste. Marie, ONT, and Bob Bergloff from Bloomington, MN who can go at either forward or defense.

Overall Brooks believes Minnesota could be an improved team in 1977-78. "We had better be improved because the entire WCHA appears stronger from top to bottom," the coach offers. "There may not be a clear out favorite, but watch out for Denver. They appear ready to move back to the title circle.

"The drive for the top should create one of the most torrid battles in years. We are going to have to play awfully good hockey to stay in the running. But I think we can do it.

"We'll miss the services of center Tom Vannelli, defenseman Joe Micheletti and Reed Larson, plus goalie Jeff Tscherne badly. But we may just have the men to step in and take their places. I hope so."

Minnesota opens its campaign October 28-29 hosting Minnesota-Duluth at Williams arena.

When Mike Thompson rejected an opportunity to turn professional for over one million dollars and instead return to the University of Minnesota for his final year of basketball, he automatically made the Gophers title contenders and created a standing-room-only situation at Williams Arena for 1977-78.

A year ago the University of Minnesota finished the season with an overall record of 24 wins against only three losses and a Big Ten Conference mark of 15 wins and three setbacks.

Those 24 victories were the most ever in one season for a Golden Gopher basketball team, and the same holds true for the 15 conquests in a single loop campaign.

But Coach Jim Dutcher's cagers wound up second in the Big Ten behind title-winning Michigan after falling once in overtime at Purdue and twice to the powerful Wolverines.

"That four-point loss to Michigan at home cost us the title," Dutcher recalls. "We would like nothing better than to reverse the tables and move up one more notch this season."

But even matching last year's accomplishments will be difficult if Dutcher's analysis of the upcoming Big Ten race is accurate. "It was the best recruiting year EVER in our conference," Dutcher maintains. "Nearly every team recruited the players it needed to become a contender."

Minnesota led the Big Ten in all but one individual category last season as Thompson set the pace in scoring with 410 points and in field goal shooting percentage with a .597 mark. Osborne Lockhart finished on top in free throw shooting percentage at .896 and Ray Williams was out in front with 118 assists.

And it's replacing Williams... along with Phil Saunders... that has Dutcher concerned about the '77-'78 season.

"Our biggest unknown is what to expect from the play of our guards," he says. "We have only Lockhart returning in the backcourt. Beyond that we just will have to wait and see what our new people can do, and how quickly they can do it."

On the credit side of the ledger, however, will be what could rank as the tallest front line in the nation with Dave Winey (6-10), Thompson (6-10) and Kevin McHale (6-11) all returning.

Winey was tabbed as the team's "most improved" player after his sophomore campaign while McHale came out of nowhere to rank as one of the premier freshmen in the Big Ten last season.

And not enough could be said about Thompson, the senior center who is on everybody's pre-season All-America team for 1977-78. He was selected as the collegiate Player of the Year by Basketball Weekly last season, gained All-Big Ten and All-America honors and now looms as the top returning player in the nation for the upcoming campaign.

Thompson holds a bundle of Minnesota and Big Ten records in scoring, rebounding and shooting... and those he doesn't own now are firmly fixed in his sights for 1977-78.

The Gophers also have Steve Lingenfelter on hand as well as David Carroll and Dan Kosmoski. Ricky Wallace was injured a year ago and did not play, but he should be ready this time around, so should transfer James Jackson.

HARRIERS HAVE HIGH HOPES

Last year the Gopher cross-country team compiled a 21-3 dual meet record and finished third in the Big Ten championships just four points out of second.

In that successful '76 campaign, Coach Roy Griak's harriers enjoyed something of a rarity... they went through the season almost injury free. It appears that Minnesota will need that same stroke of fortune if they are to improve their standing in 1977.

But the Gophers do have a veteran unit, and their hopes are high. Leading this year's charge will be Steve Plasencia, captain and All-American. Plasencia was fourth in the Big Ten and 38th in the NCAA last fall and has twice earned the Fred Watson Award for being the team's most valuable runner.

Larry Berkner, a two-time letterwinner who placed 20th in the Big Ten and won two of Minnesota's dual meets a year ago, also returns as does Dave Johnson.

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1977-78 Hockey Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site
Fri-Sat	Oct. 28-29	U of M - Duluth	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Nov. 4-5	Michigan State	East Lansing, MI
Fri-Sat	Nov. 11-12	North Dakota	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Nov. 18-19	Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI
Fri-Sat	Nov. 25-26	Wisconsin	Madison, WI
Fri-Sat	Dec. 2-3	Colorado College	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Dec 16-17	Denver	Denver, Colo.
Tue-Wed	Dec 20-21	Ohio State	Williams Arena
Wed.	Dec. 28	Brown University	Williams Arena
Thur	Dec. 29	Providence	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Jan. 6-7	Notre Dame	Williams Arena
Sat-Sun	Jan 14-15	Michigan	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Jan 20-21	Michigan Tech	Houghton, MI
Fri-Sat	Jan. 27-28	U of M Duluth	Duluth
Sat-Sun	Feb. 4-5	Michigan State	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Feb. 10-11	Colorado College	Colorado Springs, CO.
Fri-Sat	Feb. 17-18	Wisconsin	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Feb. 24-25	Denver	Williams Arena
Fri-Sat	Mar. 3-4	North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND

1977-78 Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site
Sat	Nov. 26	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.
Mon.	Nov. 28	Eastern Kentucky	Williams Arena
Wed	Nov. 30	Loyola (Chicago)	Chicago, Ill.
Tues	Dec. 6	Marquette	Williams Arena
Mon	Dec. 19	Nebraska	Williams Arena
Wed	Dec. 21	South Florida	Tampa, Fla.
Fri	Dec. 30	Pillsbury Classic	Bloomington, Mn.
Sat	Dec. 31	Fla. St., Tulane, Air Force	(Met Center)
Thurs	Jan. 5	Michigan State	East Lansing
Sun	Jan. 8	Michigan (T.V.)	Ann Arbor
Thurs	Jan. 12	Indiana	Williams Arena
Sat	Jan. 14	Ohio State	Williams Arena
Thurs	Jan. 19	Illinois	Williams Arena
Sat	Jan. 21	Wisconsin	Madison
Thurs	Jan. 26	Purdue	West Lafayette
Sat	Jan. 28	Northwestern	Evanston
Thurs	Feb. 2	Iowa	Williams Arena
Sat	Feb. 4	Northwestern	Williams Arena
Thurs	Feb. 9	Wisconsin	Williams Arena
Sat	Feb. 11	Iowa (T.V.)	Iowa City
Thurs	Feb. 16	Illinois	Champaign
Sat	Feb. 18	Purdue	Williams Arena
Sun	Feb. 19	Louisville (T.V.)	Williams Arena
Thurs	Feb. 23	Ohio State	Columbus
Sat	Feb. 25	Indiana	Bloomington
Thurs	Mar. 2	Michigan	Williams Arena
Sat	Mar. 4	Michigan State	Williams Arena



Coach Siebert Gets No. 700

BASEBALL TEAM EXCELLS

Baseball was the name of the game for Gopher spring sports teams in 1977.

Coach Dick "Chief" Siebert directed his varsity nine to the school's 12th Big Ten championship, 11th under the Chief. Minnesota then went on to host the NCAA Midwest Regional tourney at Bierman Field winning all three outings and a trip to the College World Series (CWS) at Omaha, Nebraska.

However, things did not fare well at the CWS. Making the school's fifth appearance at the national championships, the Gophers bowed out with two losses against one victory to tie for sixth place.

But not all was lost. Minnesota's 1977 diamond entry recorded the most wins in the school's history, 39, to go along with just 12 losses. The 51 games played is also a new school mark. The Gophers also tied the UM record for the most wins ever by a Big Ten team finishing 15-3 in league play.

Junior pitcher Dan Morgan was named to the coaches All-America second team, while shortstop Paul Molitor, another junior, made the Sporting News All-America first team.

Both Morgan and Molitor, along with senior outfielders Tom Mee and Tim Loberg, plus junior catcher George Dierberger joined the professional ranks after the Gopher season ended. Loberg and Dierberger inked contracts with the Minnesota Twins.

Morgan, Molitor, first baseman-pitcher Brian Denman and left fielder Jeff Neutzling were named to the coaches All-Big Ten first team.

During the season coach Siebert reached a major milestone when his '77 squad presented him with his 700th career coaching victory. Only two other coaches have reached 700 wins in major college ranks.

The Gopher Golf team surprised many by ending up third in the Big Ten chase. Earlier predictions called for a second division finish.

Kevin Treacy led all golfers the first three rounds at the Big Ten meet, but fell to a 77 the final day ending in a tie for fourth. For coach Rick Ehrmantraut in his rookie year, a third place finish in the conference is considered a major accomplishment.

Neither the track or tennis teams gained a high conference finish, but both clubs showed a lot of promise as their respective squads were loaded with freshmen and sophomores. That points to nothing less than a rosy future when these youngsters develop.

1977 Gold Country Staff Includes Two New Members

New defensive line coach, Cal Jones, a 34-year old Pittsburgh, PA native, will bring nearly ten years of collegiate coaching experience as well as many years in the high school ranks to Minnesota.



Cal Jones

America at guard and is now a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame. A real academician of the game, Jones has published several articles on football in national publications.

Jones is married and he and wife Elaine have two children, Emmanuel and Cindy.

Mike Bell, a 26-year old trainer from Davenport Iowa, is the newest member of Jim Marshall's training staff.

Most recently Bell was the head trainer at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and while working towards his degree at the University of Iowa was an undergraduate student trainer for four years. He was also a student trainer during high school days at Davenport's West and Central High Schools.

Bell was awarded a BS in adaptive physical education in 1973 from the University of Iowa and a graduate degree from the University of Arizona in 1975 in athletic training.

He is a single and assumed his duties as a full-time assistant trainer August 15.

Jones most recently was defensive coordinator at Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA and has also coached at Florida State and Western Illinois.

As head coach at El Centro's Central Union High School in California, Jones' teams won five straight conference championships and he was named the coach of the year in that conference in 1968.

Attending college in Colorado, first at Otero Junior College and then Adams State, Jones gained a Masters of Arts Degree in 1968. While playing football at Adams, he was named first-team NAIA all-



Mike Bell

Minnesota will continue Court Dispute with NCAA

The University of Minnesota's dispute with the NCAA over the eligibility of two varsity basketball players and the probationary restrictions placed on the U of M's total program appears headed for the U.S. Supreme Court.

President C. Peter Magrath expressed his disappointment over a recent decision by the Eighth Circuit Court Of Appeals which overturned U.S. District Court Judge Edward Devitt's injunction and placed Minnesota's total program back on probation. But in a press conference following that announcement, President Magrath indicated that the U of M was not ready to give up. In his statement, President Magrath said, in part:

"The course of action which the University will now pursue is consistent with the proposition that fundamental fairness and due process rights must be accorded student athletes. We will not sacrifice principle for expediency; we will not throw in the legal towel; we will not practice lifeboat ethics. Rather, we have made a firm commitment to continue our court struggle."

Bierman Briefs

Two Golden Gopher coaches proved they still have what it takes as both Rick Ehrmantraut, U of M golf coach, and Jerry Noyce, Minnesota tennis coach, won major tournaments in their respective sports over the summer.

Ehrmantraut, a former Gopher golf captain about to embark upon his second season as head coach at Minnesota, bettered the field in the Tapemark Charity Pro-Am tournament at Southview by two strokes. In winning the meet, Ehrmantraut topped 60 professionals in the Minnesota section of the PGA.

Noyce, meanwhile, copped top honors in the singles division of the Northwest Hardcourts Championships. It was the second straight year that Noyce, Minnesota's head tennis coach and the head pro at Northwest Tennis Club, gained that coveted title.

Dr. Harvey O'Phelan, noted team physician for the Gophers and numerous professional sports teams in Minnesota, served as chief medical officer for the 1977 World University Games held recently in Bulgaria. O'Phelan was selected to that post by the United States Collegiate Sports Council.

Gopher track coach Roy Griak has been invited by the Russian Olympic Committee to sit in on a number of conferences and committee meetings dealing with track and to offer his comments, advice and suggestions at a gathering scheduled this December in Moscow.

Tony Dungy was awarded the Minnesota Conference Medal of Honor by the Big Ten earlier this year. The award is given annually to one student athlete at each of the schools in the Big Ten for "demonstrating proficiency in scholarship and athletics." Dungy twice was named Gopher MVP in football while setting numerous school and Big Ten records. He was a Williams Scholar during his final three years at Minnesota.

Dr. Walter Bruning has resigned from his position as vice-president at the University of Minnesota to join the staff at Control Data. Although his tour of duty at the U of M was relatively short, Bruning's departure will be sorely felt by the Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department. "Walt was good for our department," Paul Giel said recently. "He knew what the problems were in our area, and he was not afraid to tackle them head on. He was totally supportive of our program, and we will miss him."

The Athletic Department at the University of Minnesota tips its hat to Control Data Corporation for their continued sponsorship of the three season highlight films of football, basketball and hockey. All three films are produced by Sports Films and Talents and can be viewed free of charge by reserving the film for your group or organization. Requests can be filed with either Control Data Corporation (853-5096) or the sports information office (373-5236) at 208 Bierman Athletic Building, 516 15th Av SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

The titles of the 1976-77 films are "A Winning Tradition" (Football), "The Start of Something Big" (Hockey) and "It's Only the Beginning" (Basketball).

Two special films also may be secured directly from the sports information office. One is entitled "A New Season" and is produced by the NCAA. It is a pre-season look at college football for 1977. The other is the 1977 Big Ten Conference Football Preview and is a pre-season view of the nation's top football conference.

The most complete publication on Gopher football available, the 1977 Media Football Information Guide, is now on sale at Bierman Building. Containing 96-pages of all-time Gopher records, last season's game-by-game results, coach and player profiles, previews of 1977 Gopher opponents, complete Gopher rosters and much, much more, the guide is a must for college football buffs. The book also contains ticket information and a composite Big Ten schedule and is now available for only \$2. Hurry and get your copy today!



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Dutch Weber Helps Repay "A Great University"

"Why did I get involved? Simple. First I was asked by Paul Giel. Second, it was a way to get reinvented and help do something for a great University that did a lot for me."

So says Henry R. "Dutch" Weber who today is president of the Mesabi Service and Supply Company, dealing with heavy mining and construction equipment, at Hibbing, Minnesota . . . Range country.

A Gopher football player back in 1943 who graduated the same year with a degree in aeronautical engineering, Dutch has been active for several years with coach Herb Brooks and the Gopher hockey program.

"It was easy to get involved in hockey," Dutch continued. "We live in the middle of hockey country and Herbie is always up here working awfully hard. And not just for his Gopher program, either. He has helped us in many ways to keep our programs running full steam.

"But boy does he know how to put the bite on a guy. It seems he's always after us with some kind of new idea he has and needs help to get it going.

"But it's a pleasure to lend any aid he needs. He is some kind of coach, and also a great individual to work with.

"So until three years ago that's all those of us up here were asked to do. Help out in hockey. But then Giel called one day and asked if we would like to get involved with the Williams Fund. Well, you know how persuasive Giel is. Before we knew it we had a Williams Golf outing off and running.

"In just three years we have raised more than \$17,000 for the Fund. Now we plan to expand our Williams Fund North Golf Outing.

"As chairman I believed we should get more than just Hibbing involved. So in future years our outing will rotate between Hibbing, Grand Rapids and Virginia. It will get nothing but bigger and better."

Born in Germany, Mr. Weber moved to St. Paul at the tender age of three. He spoke no English, so naturally the kids in his area nicknamed him Dutch.

As a senior at Humboldt High School, Dutch and his football team lost just one game, the city championship to Washington High.

He went on to the U. of M. but was unable to play football until his senior year. "I simply had to work a helluva lot of hours as money was scarce," he says today. "But the ROTC program kind of took over and I was able to go out for football my senior year."



Dutch Weber, Murray Warmath and Robin Tellor of Hibbing

He quickly became a starting guard on the 1943 Gopher edition, and still remembers today his brightest moment on the field.

"That came when we played Camp Grant, a powerful service team loaded with pro players," Dutch continued. "We had no business being on the same field with that club.

"But with seconds left in the game and Camp Grant on our one yard line, Red Williams, a little guy at halfback, made a great tackle at the goal line and we beat them 13-7. It was a super game."

Asked about his "big" play, Mr. Williams told us: "I really don't remember the play as being all that great, but I do remember running behind old Dutch who was a pulling guard. He flattened a lot of opposing players giving us the room to run."

TOP ANGLERS EARN PRIZES

Cliff Kittelson of Deerwood and R. H. Campbell of Lewiston were the two big winners in the second annual Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest sponsored by the Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department at the University of Minnesota.

Kittelson and Campbell both entered 11 pound 12 ounce walleyes opening weekend. Kittelson caught his prize winner on Mille Lacs and weighed in at the Tackle Box in Brainerd. Campbell made his catch on Big Sagnaga and entered his walleye at Wally's 76 in Grand Marais.

For his efforts, Kittelson won a 1977 Ford Pinto courtesy Northland Ford Dealers. Lewiston earned a \$4,000 combination Lund Boat, Johnson Motor and Balko Trailer.

Dutch spent three years in the Navy following graduation, but there were few openings for aeronautical engineers when WW II ended. So he got a job, and 30 years later is president of the same company. Today his son, Jim, a member of Hibbing High's 1973 state championship hockey team, is a senior at UM but is not active with the hockey program here.

"Besides working with coach Brooks, there wasn't much anyone from the University asked of us," Dutch closed. "So it was a real challenge, a welcome challenge, when Paul Giel called.

"What all of us really gain is a large measure of self-satisfaction in giving of our time to help a great program. You know, we are pretty far away from the main stream of things up here in the Range. So that doubles our pleasure in being able to contribute."

Dave Elling of Pequot Lakes won a Canadian fly in fishing trip for two from Rusty Meyers Flying Service of Fort Francis, Ontario, for catching a 9 pound 10 ounce walleye on Whitefish Lake which was entered at Nisswa Sports Shop in Nisswa.

Everett Hellige of St. Paul won a vacation for four at McArchie's Resort on Big Winnie after he caught a 9 pound 9 ounce walleye on Big Pine. He weighed in his fish at Larry's Baits in St. Paul.

Jerry Hanson of Minneapolis, Joe Blaido of Minneapolis and Walter Weaver of Wahnok all won trips with Golden Gopher teams for their entries while Bruce Fuller of Monticello and Robert Meyer of Hager City, Wisconsin, won basketball season tickets and hockey season tickets, respectively.

Williams Fund Outings Reach New Heights

A record \$392,000 was raised for Men's Intercollegiate Athletics through contributions to the Williams and Williams Scholarship Funds in fiscal year 1976-1977 ending June 30, 1977. This represents a gain in excess of \$50,000 over last year and once again fund raising events played a major role in generating added income to our program. Highlights of the year's Williams Funds raisers were:

- 1) **The Pillsbury Classic** in December which the Golden Gophers won handily netted the Williams Fund close to \$8,000 through the efforts of George Masko, Sara Tomes, their committee and the great Pillsbury Company.
- 2) Steve Gritelli, owner of the popular Monte Carlo Restaurant in downtown Minneapolis annually hosts a Williams Fund "Monte Carlo" banquet with "celebs" from the sports world heading the event—this year's results — \$750!!! Nice goin' Steve!
- 3) Golden Gopher Walleye Fishing Contest headed by Rollie Johnson, Murray Warmath, with help from Phil Perkins and lots of Gopher helpers raised \$2,200 for the cause.
- 4) **The 13th St. Paul Stag at Midland Hills Country Club** in November led by "old pros" Jack Fratzke, Paul Smith, Bob Keene, Mike Zaccardi, John Bloomquist, Bill Lyncit, and committee turned over \$8,500 to the Williams Fund.
- 5) One of the very first of all fund raisers for the Gophers was the **umpteenth Minneapolis Stag** at the superb Little Jack's Restaurant in beautiful "Nord East" Minneapolis. This committee headed by Jack Reshetar did another fantastic job and presented the Fund with a check for \$9,100.
- 6) **The 4th Annual Wine & Cheese Festival** was held again in November and once again was hosted by North Central Airlines at their marvelous facilities out on 4942 Northliner Drive. Vice-President, George Karnas of North Central Airlines, his great assistant, John Kohrer, and staff along with Connie Hansen of California wines and the entire Minnesota Wine Association spearheaded this gala event attended by close to 800 people, approximately \$2,800.00 being shared by the Williams & Patty Berg Funds.
- 7) **The 2nd Annual Arizona-Minnesota Williams Fund Golf Outing** drew over 130 people and raised over \$6,000 through golf and banquet which were held at Don Knutson's wonderful Pima Country Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. This fun outing is directed by WCCO's "Rollicking Rollie" Johnson, Murray Warmath, with loads of help from Chariman



Paul Giel gathers with Jaye Dyer, Wayne Jimmerson and Jesse Owens at the Wayzata Sportacular.

- 8) In May, the **1st Annual Les Bolstad-Patty Berg Golf Outing** at Golden Valley Country Club with proceeds going to both the Men's and Women's Intercollegiate Golf programs was launched and returned over \$2,500 for the Men's golf program, thanks to the leadership of Jody Gumlia Fritz Rohkohl and their co-workers.
- 9) Then came the **Wayzata Sportacular** with dynamic Jay Dyer and his talented task force of "Hunt Captains" and "Call Girls" (Dyco secretaries and wives) leading the way to a smashing return to the Williams Fund of over \$65,000! Over 700 players came out to support the Gophers!! Truly an incredible achievement!! (Far and away our #1 Fund Raising Event) The Sportacular was highlighted by an A.M. and P.M. golf and tennis, skeet shooting with Wayzata and Woodhill C. C. S. donating their magnificent facilities. The great Jesse Owens was the feature speaker at both breakfast and lunch and "wowed" both groups! Honores guests were Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch and Don Danham, Directors of Athletics respectively of Wisconsin and Michigan.
- 10) **The 5th Annual Oak Ridge All-Sports Day** saw Chairman Sid Cohen and son, Richard, along with Bob Mahin, Spencer Dean, Ralph Green, Pat Richie, Ben Bernstein put together a great golf and tennis outing that produced close to \$9,000 for the Gopher cause while enjoying a wonderful day and evening supervised by "Genial" George Burton, manager extraordinaire . . .
- 11) Next on the Hit Parade was the **"Dick Wildung" Williams Fund 3rd Annual Outing** at scenic Redwood Falls. Headed by Frank Stevenson and Chuck Young, they came to honor Dick and the Gophers from all over western Minnesota and added \$3,500 to the Williams Fund coffers.
- 12) Lovely Sharon Harris and "Peppy" Pat Whichello co-chaired the **3rd Annual North Suburban Williams Fund Golf Outing** at Greenhaven Country Club in Anoka. Sports "celebs" from all over the area came to support the Gophers and greet special guest, ex-Gopher great, Billy Bye — Anoka's native son who helped make the program a smashing success while raising \$4,500 for the program.



Paul Giel offers "congrats" to Billy Bye at Anoka outing.

- 13) Allan Krejci and the "Hormel Gang" along with an awesome array of Austin "Packers" turned the 5th Annual Austin Williams Fund Golf & Tennis Outing at the beautiful Austin Country Club into another great production for the Williams Fund. Over \$10,000 was turned over by Allan and his cohorts . . . Super job "Austin Al"!
- 14) Charlie Pappas (Michael's Restaurant) and Roy Watson (Kahler Hotel) hosted the 4th Annual Roger Hagberg Williams Fund Banquet and Golf Outing. The golf was played at the scenic Willow Creek Course and banquet followed at the Kahler. Helping direct the day and coordinate the evening was super emcee and "Gopher Booster" Bernie Lusk from KROC-TV. To close a wonderful day, the Williams Fund was presented a check for over \$10,000!
- 15) John Hildebrandt with help from his dad, Lin, Bill Crist and dozens of others helped make the "Pat Crist" Memorial Golf Outing another great event for the Williams Fund. Over \$4,000 was presented to the Williams Fund by the Hastings group and everyone enjoyed a great day!
- 16) Dutch Weber and his Hibbing committee did another fantastic job of getting those Iron Rangers over to the 3rd Annual Mesabi Williams Fund Open, where fun, frolic, and frivolity was enjoyed by all "Iron Range Style" while presenting our staff with \$7,000 for the Williams Fund. Nice going Range! Next year this event will be hosted by Grand Rapids — then to Virginia in 1979 and back to Hibbing in 1980. We're all looking forward to visiting these three great Range Cities.
- 17) The 1st Annual St. Croix Valley Williams Fund Golf Outing was hosted by the Stillwater Country Club on June 20 and headed by that "human dynamo" Neil "For Real" Junker and his committee of Stillwater "Ponies" who galloped home with over \$4,000 in their tremendous first year effort for the Gophers.
- 18) Ev Edstrom and his great committee of Winona "wonders" outdid themselves once again in making the 2nd Annual Paul Giel Golf Outing another big winner for the Williams Fund. They turned over \$7,000 to Paul and staff and arranged a truly delightful day and evening of fun, engineered by that "genial gem" of a gentleman, emcee Halsey Hall, who kept everyone "loose" till the wee hours.
- 19) The 1st New Ulm Area Williams Fund Outing made its debut in 1976 with a great committee headed by dapper clothier "Red" Wyczawski, Al Dosland, Perry Glavin, and Bill Schade. This same power-house group added ex-Gopher baseball whiz Jim Wallace to their star studded lineup this year (as general chairman) and they have presented the Gophers close to \$7,000.00 in their first two years.



Dr. Mike Enich, Tom Barron, Paul Giel and Bob Sunberg join forces at Hibbing.



Mr. Lucius Smith is flanked by Pete Boerboon and Paul Giel at Faribault.

- 20) **B.I.G. G.O.L.D.** This stands for **Building Industries Gopher Golf Open — Laughs 'n Dinner!** — Headed by Charlie Herbst of the U.S. Gypsum Company and Dick Hogan of Boise Cascade Co. This outing was first held at Majestic Oaks in August of 1976 and moved to Bunker Hills in June of 1977. In these two years, it has raised over \$5,000 for the Golden Gophers. This is the first industry sponsored event for the Williams Fund and promises to become a big producer for us in the future. This event was another grand day and evening of fun and laughs provided by that master of mirth, Harry Zimmerman of stage — radio — Ed Phillips — television
Hansord Pontiac —
- 21) **The Annual Williams Celebrity Golf Outing** at Midland Hills (at this writing, the 9th annual has been completed as well) is the Williams Fund Outing that is the "Daddy of 'em all", headed by John Bloomquist (who gives his blood, sweat . . . yes, even tears). John is ably assisted by Mike Zaccardi, Jack Fratzke, Paul Smith, Bob Keene, Bill Lynch, Pat Phippen, Tom Baxter, Bruce Smith, and Charley Herbst. This event, each year, is unsurpassed for excitement, glamour and goodies. Close to \$20,000 was real-

ized for the Williams Fund and a "Who's Who" list of celebrities "made the scene" to help the Gophers!

- 22) Although the final reports are not in as yet, the 3rd Annual Bruce Smith Outing at the Faribault Country Club on June 27th provided a super day and an exciting evening with proceeds to the Williams Fund expected to hit close to \$3,000. Pete Boerboon heads this great outing each year and he, along with their great committee, does a super job of gathering the good folks from Faribault to honor Bruce Smith and aid the Gophers. This year was of "special significance" as Paul Giel presented the Smith Family with a beautifully framed plaque holding a replica of Bruce's jersey, #54, and announced his jersey officially retired.
- 23) Another first year golf outing was staged on behalf of the Williams Fund by the St. Peter townspeople and spearheaded by Marc Davis and Bill Pell and a super committee. The golf and dinner were held at the "Lovely" Le Sueur Golf and Country Club and attended by many gents from the valley of the jolly green giant. Final results aren't in as yet, but it appears the St. Peter gang will enrich the Williams Fund substantially, as over 150 Gopher fans participated.

U of M Second in Big 10 Race

In "unofficial" tabulating concerning the all-sports standings in the Big Ten during 1976-77, the University of Minnesota ended a strong second only to Michigan.

Wolverine teams posted a 100.5 point total based on 10 points for first place, 9 for second, 8 for third, etc.

Minnesota's varsity squads ended with an even 80 points for the runner-up position one slot ahead of Indiana's 75.5 points.

Michigan led all member schools with four team championships while Minnesota and Illinois tied for second with two titles each. The Gopher gymnastics and baseball squads were conference champs.

Additionally, Minnesota and Michigan tied for the top spot among schools who had the most first, second and third place finishes with eight each.

The entire conference finish for the '76-'77 academic and athletic year went this way: 1-Michigan 100.5; 2-MINNE-SOTA 80.0; 3-Indiana 75.5; 4-Illinois 71.5; 5-Wisconsin 71.0; 6-Michigan State 65.0; 7-Ohio State 58.5; 8-Iowa 58.0; 9-Purdue 34.5; 10-Northwestern 21.5.

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October 8	Iowa (Away) (\$8.00)	1:30
October 15	NORTHWESTERN (Homecoming)	1:30
October 22	MICHIGAN (Home)	1:30
October 29	Indiana (Away) (\$8.00)	1:30
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CAP DAY — Coach Cal Stoll emerges from a pile of Gold Country caps around which the U of M is building a "Cap Day" venture for the Sept. 10 opener against Western Michigan. Anyone purchasing a \$5 cap at Minnesota's grandstand booth during the State Fair also receives free a \$4 general admission ticket to that Western Michigan contest. The "Cap Day" bonus offer also can be taken advantage of at the Bierman Field Athletic Building Ticket Office from Tuesday, Sept. 5 through Friday, Sept. 9. Ticket office hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and the "Cap Day" bonus offer will NOT be available on the day of the game.

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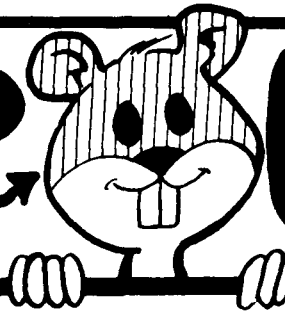
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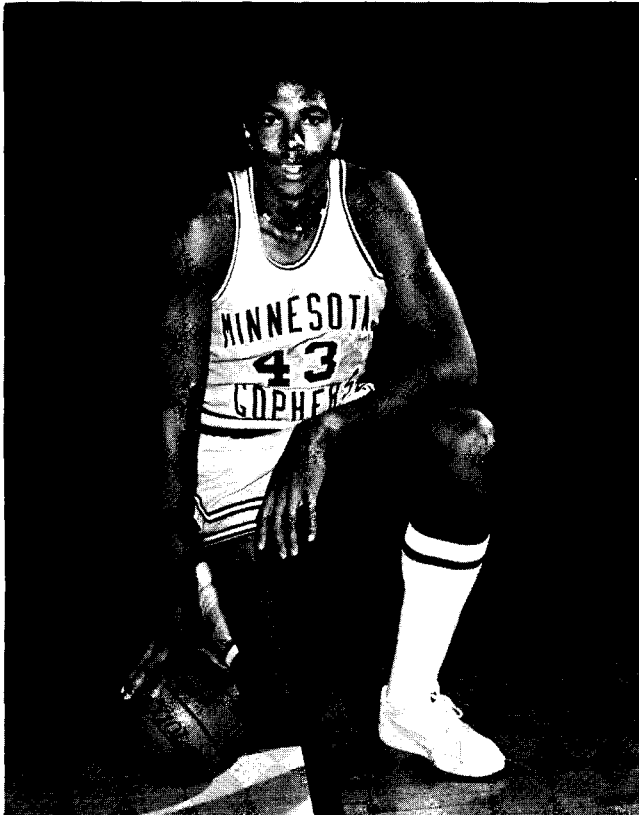
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Thompson To Return For Pillsbury Classic



Minnesota Gets Bowl Invitation

Minnesota will play in the Hall of Fame Classic football game in Birmingham, Ala., on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. against Maryland, and all of Gopherland is delighted about Minnesota's first bowl bid since 1962.

The invitation to appear in the inaugural of the Hall of Fame Classic was the high point of an already exciting football season for Coach Cal Stoll and the Gophers.

In a season filled with highs and lows, Minnesota soared to a 7-4 season with convincing victories over Michigan, UCLA and Washington to earn its trip into the South.

At times during the season it appeared Minnesota might be running for all the Big Ten marbles when the Gophers shut out mighty Michigan 16-0 at home following the UCLA (27-13) and Washington (19-17) wins.

But at other times it appeared the Gophers would just finish out the string when it dropped costly road decisions at Iowa and Indiana.

But as if often said in these times, "I don't care what you did for me yesterday . . . what did you do for me today!!!"

What the Gophers did was finish mighty strong shutting out Illinois 21-0 at Champaign, and defeating Wisconsin 13-7 at home in the final regular season show.

The last two wins came mainly on the record-busting bursts of sophomore fullback Kent Kitzmann, and a miserly defensive effort by a unit that turned the tide many times in 1977.

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WELCOME BACK, MYCHAL might well be the new theme for the 1977 Pillsbury Classic basketball tournament at Met Center December 30 and 31.

That's the night the University of Minnesota entertains Air Force Academy in the first round of the fourth annual cage tourney, and it will mark the return to the Gopher lineup of 6-10 senior center Mychal Thompson.

Declared ineligible during NCAA sanctions in October, Thompson's penalty was reduced to seven games by the NCAA on November 14. It all means Minnesota's All-America center will see his first action of the season in the Pillsbury Classic.

This year's two-day meet already has been tabbed as the best ever and appears to have the strongest field in its short history with Florida State, Tulane and Air Force battling defending champion Minnesota for the crown.

The Gophers, 24-3 last year, set school records for the number of overall wins and for the 15 Big Ten wins. They return five lettermen and hope to continue their two year hot streak against non-conference opponents through the 1977 Pillsbury Classic.

Minnesota's first round opponent, the Air Force Academy, would like nothing better than to knock off a Big Ten school such as Minnesota. The Falcons play one of the toughest independent schedules in the nation. This year, opponents include Maryland, Marquette, Creighton and Pan American.

In compiling a 12-15 record last year, the Falcons learned what it's all about playing on the road. They were 11-5 at home, but only managed to win one of 11 games on the road.

"Last season we had to overcome a lot of early problems" Falcon head coach Hank Egan said, "but we finished as a very competitive team. Experience should be our strength this winter and our team defense should again be good. The big problem will be rebounding."

That problem that Egan is worried about may be worked out by season's end, as their team is one of the tallest in the school's history. Rejoining the team will be junior center Randy Gricius (6-8), the team's MVP and leading scorer in 1975-76 who sat out most of last season because of disciplinary reasons. He will be joined by three-year letterman Tom Schneeberger (6-6), last season's MVP.

At guard, the Falcons have another three-year monogram winner, Bob Djokovich (6-3). In quarterbacking the squad last year, Djokovich was the second leading scorer (18.3 ppg) and rebounder (10 rpg). He led the team by dishing out 155 assists.

If they can both get by first-round competition, Minnesota and Florida State may meet again. The last time was in the NCAA tourney in 1973 when the Seminoles handed the Gophers a nifty 70-56 loss. The Seminoles went on to finish second.

Florida State was 16-11 overall last year and coach Hugh Durham says not again. The 16 wins represented the second lowest single season winning record of his 11-year career. Only one other time — in his very first season — has a Durham-coached team won less than 18 games.

"It wasn't a very good year by Florida State standards," Durham recalls. "It was disappointing for everyone — players, coaches and fans."

Florida State, like Air Force, plays a tough schedule, but many of their stronger opponents are found right in their conference, the Metro Conference. A second-year member of the Metro, the Seminoles are still looking for their first

CLASSIC: *Continued on page 5.*



Kitzman Sets NCAA Rushing Mark

Sophomore fullback Kent Kitzmann produced the biggest offensive show in Minnesota history and the biggest rushing day since college football records were first kept as Minnesota downed Illinois 21-0 at Champaign, IL., in mid-November.

Kitzman, a Rochester, MN product, who went into the game with 54 carries and 227 rushing yards for the entire season, carried the ball an incredible 57 times for 266 net yards on the ground. Mixed in were all three Gopher touchdowns, too.

The 57 carries is a new NCAA record for a single game erasing the old mark of 55 by Steve Owens of Oklahoma in 1969. Kitzmann also broke records for most consecutive carries with 13 (old record 10 by Gary Kosins of Dayton in 1970), and most all-purpose carries with 57 (old mark 56 by Dom Fischer of Colgate in 1968, includes rushing, receiving, returns).

Kent's heroics also shattered the Big Ten record for most carries, 48, by Mike Adamle of Northwestern in 1970. The latter's record, by the way, came against Minnesota.

"It was the most unbelievable performance I've ever seen," says Gopher coach Cal Stoll. "I've never been involved in a game like that.

"It was our game plan to go straight at them from the start, but not quite in those proportions. Actually, Kent Kitzmann was hurt the last couple of weeks. He didn't play at Indiana and only carried a couple of times against Michigan State. I asked him before the Illinois game if he felt he could carry the ball 35 or 40 times. He simply said 'sure I can, coach.'

"Once our game plan began to work we just kept heading north with Kitzmann and that was it. Then we found out late that he was near some records and sent Kent back in until he had his marks."

Minnesota Ends Dispute with NCAA

In the words of Vice-President Stan Kegler and President C. Peter Magrath, "Both of us are relieved that the impasse with the NCAA is, we hope, at an end."

Kegler made that statement on Monday, Nov. 14, when the NCAA finally handed down its individual penalties on basketball players Mychal Thompson and Dave Winey and in the process ended the U of M's lengthy legal battles with the NCAA.

Thompson must sit out the first seven games of the 1977-78 season. His first game will be against the US Air Force Academy in the Pillsbury Classic on Dec. 30. Winey missed the first three games and saw his first action against Loyola in Chicago on Nov. 30.

Earlier the NCAA had lifted its probationary penalties on all U of M teams other than basketball and made all Gopher athletes other than basketball players eligible immediately for post season competition.

The basketball team saw its probationary period extended from Mar. 5, 1978 to Oct. 1978 which means the Gophers will not be eligible for post season competition this season, but they will become eligible next season.

Kegler indicated that "The University of Minnesota will now work within the NCAA to undertake a review of its processes and procedures, especially in the area of enforcement."

Both Thompson and Winey, although disappointed at being forced to sit out some games during their senior seasons, indicated they were happy the hassle now was over and neither player expressed any desire to seek further relief through court action.

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The other key factor for Minnesota this fall was the instep of soccer-style placekicker Paul Rogind, another of Stoll's outstanding crop of sophomores.

Rogind, who broke just about every Minnesota school record this fall, including a few more in the Big Ten book, booted the deciding points in no less than four of Minnesota's seven victories. In all he connected on 18 of 26 field goal attempts.

It all began on September 10 when Minnesota marched all over the field but had to rely on Rogind's 18-yard field goal to top Western Michigan 10-7. A week later, Bobby Weber's 100-yard kickoff return wasn't enough and Ohio State triumphed 38-7. By playing errorless ball, Minnesota then won two from Pac-Eight foes, beating UCLA 27-13 and Washington 19-17. A long afternoon at Iowa City followed when the Hawks won 18-6 before Minnesota bounced back to Nip Northwestern 13-7. Then, with the Little Brown Jug at stake, Minnesota upset mighty Michigan 16-0 only to slump two weeks in a row and lose 34-22 at Indiana and 29-10 to Michigan State after leading for three periods in both contests.

So the Gophers went into their final pair of games searching for the right keys to give Minnesota a third straight winning season. The "keys" turned out to be Kitzmann and the defense.

At Illinois Kitzmann shattered the school, Big Ten and NCAA records for most carries by lugging the ball 57 times and gaining 266 yards.

During all that overtime duty Kent found time to score all three Minnesota touchdowns and be named Midwest Back of the Week for his efforts.

In the final against Wisconsin at home, Kitzmann "only" heard his signal called 40 times, but responded with 154 yards on the ground. It was left to freshman runningback Marion Barber to dash 33-yards for the lone Gopher TD, and to Rogind to boot two more field goals and a conversion to again supply the scoring difference.

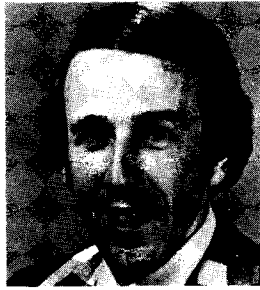
The Gopher defense slammed the door on Wisconsin not allowing the visiting Badgers to score until 1:19 remained in the regular season.

But all that went before now becomes academic as the Gophers, following a Thanksgiving week breather, go back to limited preparations for the Hall of Fame Classic.

Winter Sports Teams Move Into High Gear



Johnson



Erickson

— Wrestling —

Although Wally Johnson's 26th Gopher squad may be his youngest, the team has the makings of a champion. Twelve members of the 32-man squad are freshmen and nine were state champs. Seven lettermen return to give the 1977-78 squad a good mix of veteran and rookie.

In finishing second in the Big Ten the past two years and placing fourth in last year's NCAA finals, the Gophers have been led by all-Americans Evan Johnson, Pat Neu and Mike McArthur. With those three gone, Minnesota may be more dependent on rookies than in recent years.

Leading the list of freshmen is George Bowman, two-time 185 pound champion from Grand Forks, North Dakota. Another two-time state prep champ is Ryan Kaufman of Omaha, Nebraska. Kaufman's titles were at 119 and 126 pounds.

All state champs this past season and all hailing from Minnesota are Jim Martinez (Osseo, 132 champ), Randy Rose (Burnsville, 119 champ), Allen Eisinger (Orono, 180 champ), Mark Miller (Stillwater, hwy champ) and Jeff Merritt (Canby, two-time 112 champ). The remaining two tenders went to Mark Luby, a third-place finisher at 167 pounds from Minneapolis, and Dave Henry, a 132 pound runner-up from Owatonna.

Returning lettermen and top wrestlers from past Gopher squads include two third-place finishers in the 1977 Big Ten meet and NCAA participants. Jim Menne finished last season with a 17-16-1 regular season mark and the consolation title at 158 pounds. Teammate Tom Press, Gopher regular 167 pounder, was 22-18-1 on the year and matched Menne's mark.

Other returning starters are Gene Shaw, 126 pounder at 10-17, and heavyweight Jim Becker. Becker finished 18-13.

Hopefully for the Gophers, Steve Egedal will be healthy in 1978. Last year Egedal was a mid-season all-American with a 17-5 record and then a knee injury forced him to the sidelines. Another top man should be Dan Zilverberg brother of assistant coach Larry and a red-shirt last season.

Besides being top-notch wrestlers, Egedal, Press, Shaw and Zilverberg are top students. All four are Williams Scholars at Minnesota.

A final possible starter will be Brian Ayers, a sophomore 190 pounder.

— Swimming —

"There is only one way our program can go and that's straight up," says Minnesota swimming coach Bud Erickson talking about his 1977-78 prospects. Despite a tenth-place finish in the Big Ten meet, the swimming team did manage a 7-5 regular season mark last year.

"There is little question we will be stronger up front and deeper in reserve. We are still lacking strength in distance freestyle and butterfly, but overall should be much more representative this winter."

"I believe we are now headed in that direction. We have a new and better attitude among our varsity members, and we were also fortunate to have a great recruiting year.

"We recruited six young men, three high school all-Americans and one youngster, Torkel Sanner, from Oslo, Norway who excelled in European national competition, who are expected to step in and help us right away.

Fourteen lettermen return for the Gophers in 1977, including 11 swimmers and three divers.



Griak



Roethlisberger

— Indoor Track —

As soon as he returns from Russia, track coach Roy Griak will be anxiously greeted by 23 returning lettermen. And less than three weeks after his return, the Gophers open their season with Iowa State (Jan. 28, 1978) at the fieldhouse.

Griak says this year's squad will be a little "deeper" than some of his past squads and that an area his team has "always been a little short in," the sprints, will be solid this year.

Leading the sprint team will be Roger Frazier, who finished in the top three in both indoor and outdoor sprint races at the Big Ten meets last year. Griak says Frazier "can run with anybody in the conference." Other members of the sprint squad are Elwin Burdette and Keith Edwards, who combined with Frazier to help set a school record in the 440-yard relay last spring.

Two top hurdlers, Dave Gaither and Bob Ringer, might get some help from frosh footballer Garry White. White has indicated he will come out for track and last year he ran a sub 14 second high hurdles. The Texan thus accomplished a feat no Minnesota prepster has ever done.

Using mostly cross-country lettermen, the Gophers middle distance and distance squads will return the most lettermen of any area on the team. Captain Steve Plasencia, an all-American in both track and cross-country, will again lead the likes of Gerry Metzler, Larry Berkner, Dave Johnson, Tim O'Donnell and Dave Tappe. All are cross-country and track lettermen both.

Monogram winners in track only that will be back are Jim Lieb, John Koscielak, Bill King, Ike Okolue, Tom Wichelman, Jay Sidie and Cecero McGee.

The field events return a number of veterans, too. Pole vaulters Bryan Mortland and Craig Lindmann and jumpers Jay Bunke and Bob Weber will look for big seasons. Weber has earned four letters in football at Minnesota and is looking for his fourth in track. Rick Ailts will throw the discus and shot.

— Gymnastics —

The defending Big Ten champion Gophers will vie for their third consecutive trophy in 1978 and with 10 of the 12 members from last year's squad returning, they should be the preseason favorites. Included among the returnees is two-time all-around champ, Tim LaFleur.

In winning the Big Ten last year, the Gophers amassed 422.75 total points, a modern-day record. But as usual, the Minnesota team will be pressed by Michigan and Illinois for the title. An early look at both teams will be possible when the Gophers face both on the road in regular season dual-meet competition.

In addition to LaFleur, who competed for the U.S. National team in Europe in November, the Gophers return two three-year lettermen. Shawn Hayth and Jay Lowinske. Hayth is a horizontal and parallel bars specialist, while Lowinske will compete in the all-around.

Another individual who will be a leader for the Gophers is two-time letterwinner Joe Wickert, who finished eighth in the Big Ten in 1977.

Other keys to the Gophers' success are Bob Waldron and Bob McHattie, both pommel horse experts.

The Gophers could be hard-pressed as a team to match their last year's mark of 10-3 for the regular season. Invitationals at Ball State and the Windy City Classic should give the Gophers excellent opportunities to see top collegiate teams in this area.

Gopher Harriers Post 13-2 Mark

The Gopher cross-country team had another fine regular season in 1977, finishing 13-2 in dual competition, despite numerous nuisance injuries.

Coach Roy Griak sums the season by saying "we never really got the momentum we needed because of the nuisance injuries."

"We had a good year according to the won-lost record, and some of those losses could have gone the other way if we had been at full strength," Griak continued. "We never got any momentum and our problems never subsided and continued right into the Big Ten meet." The team finished sixth.

The 1977 season literally started on the right foot, Steve Plasencia's right foot, as the two-time Gopher mvp led the six-team Gopher Invitational from start to finish. Gerry Metzler finished third.

The next week the Gophers man-handled Drake 19-44, with Plasencia and Metzler again finishing first and third respectively. A Gopher runner also grabbed fourth through eighth places against Drake.

So with an early undefeated record on the line, the Gophers faced heated-rival Wisconsin, which has grown to be one of the top conference duals each season. Unfortunately, it was to be the team's first taste of disappointment, not only in losing 38-18, but in running without some top runners.

Metzler was the top Gopher finisher against the Badgers, as the previous leader Plasencia was forced to drop out of the race after only one-and-a-half miles. Also, Dave Johnson, a stalwart of the team, did not run because of a bad knee, an injury that was to bother him for the rest of the year. Wisconsin's Jim Stintzi was the individual winner and he went on to finish second in the Big Ten meet.

The team managed to bounce back from their first loss well, as the following Saturday they beat Iowa and Northern Iowa at Iowa City under less than pleasant conditions. It was a typical midwestern autumn day with temperatures in the 40's, overcast skies and 20 mph winds. But it was sunny for Gerry Metzler who won his first race, not of the year, not of his days in a Gopher uniform, but of his whole career.

At the Gold Country Classic, the Gophers beat four other teams and Metzler and Plasencia tied for second. It was to be the last time the team was healthy and complete.

The second loss of the season came at a dual meet in Indiana, and Metzler did not compete because of a spike wound incurred the previous week at the USTFF Championships.

Bierman Briefs

The most recent Gopher athlete to compete internationally was Tim LaFleur, a senior on the gymnastics squad. The three-year letterman just returned from a trip to Europe and competition in Germany.

LaFleur qualified for the 1977 United States National Team by finishing sixth in the United States Gymnastics Federation Championships last spring in Louisiana. He finished sixth in the all-around competition, but his best performance was a fourth in the parallel bars.

Gopher coach Fred Roethlisberger was also on the European tour as a coach of the squad.

Now with both back in Minnesota, the challenge is to prepare for a third consecutive Big Ten title.

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Just like fellow Gopher coach Fred Roethlisberger, basketball mentor Jim Dutcher recently participated in international coaching. In late August and early September Dutcher spent two weeks in Uruguay, South America trying to help upgrade the basketball program of that country. One major need of the country is trained coaching, he said.

Through his sponsor, Partners of the Americas, Dutcher worked with players from the lower levels all the way up to the national team. Dutcher has been invited to attend next year's clinics, too.

Meanwhile, track coach Roy Griak will soon be leaving for Moscow, Russia and two weeks of meetings and clinics in which track coaching techniques will be exchanged. There is one other coach from America that will make the trip with Griak. Although only tentatively scheduled, Griak says the trip will come shortly after Christmas.

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The University of Minnesota marching band, the concert band wind ensemble and the jazz ensemble have accepted an invitation to open the seventh annual Invitational Mexican Band Festival, which will begin March 30, 1978, in Mexico City.

The marching band will lead the opening parade, and will participate in a number of musical programs throughout the city during their six-day stay.

Frank Beneriscutto, director of bands, said tentative plans call for the band to play before approximately 150,000 people at a soccer game. Other concerts may be given at the Presidential Palace, at the University of Mexico and in various city parks.

The appearance of the University bands will be the first time a college or university has taken part in the festival.

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October 31, 1977

Mr. Chalmers Elliott
Director of Athletics
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Elliott,

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It is unbelievable to realize that the entire coaching staff, the trainers, the entire football team and Captain Dean Moore were so thoughtful and kind in visiting me daily and presenting me with the game ball, my prized possession.

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Feb. 2	Iowa	(H)
Feb. 4	Northwestern	(H)
Feb. 9	Wisconsin	(H)
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Feb. 16	Brigham Young U	(H)

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Jan. 14	Lakehead U	(H)
Jan. 28	Northwestern U	(H)
Feb. 3	Bemidji	(H)
Feb. 4	Wisconsin & Purdue	(H)

Remaining UM Gymnastic Home Schedule

Dec. 17	Iowa State	(H)
Jan. 7	Oshkosh	(H)
Jan. 21	Illinois	(H)
Jan. 28	Iowa & LaCrosse	(H)

Gopher Cagers Set For Television

Minnesota's Golden Gopher basketball team is getting an abundance of television exposure on a national, regional and local level during the 1977-78 season.

Coach Jim Dutcher's top-ranked cagers are scheduled to appear on national television at least once . . . Feb. 19 when the Gophers entertain Louisville in a non-conference assignment at Williams Arena. That's a Sunday NBC game slated for 3 p.m. on KSTP-TV channel 5.

The Gophers also are ticketed for two Big Ten Game of the Week assignments. First their contest at Michigan on Sunday, Jan. 8 will be televised, and that appearance will be followed by the game at Iowa on Saturday, Feb. 11. Both games will be carried on KSTP-TV Channel 5.

GOPHER TELEVISION SLATE

Date	Game	Channel
Jan. 5	Michigan State (T)	WTCN-TV 11
Jan. 8	Michigan (T)	KSTP-TV 5
Jan. 12	Indiana (H)	WTCN-TV 11
Jan. 26	Purdue (T)	WTCN-TV 11
Jan. 28	Northwestern (T)	WTCN-TV 11
Feb. 11	Iowa (T)	KSTP-TV 5
Feb. 16	Illinois (T)	WTCN-TV 11
Feb. 23	Ohio State (T)	WTCN-TV 11
Feb. 25	Indiana (T)	WTCN-TV 11

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conference win. Some strong Metro members include Louisville, Memphis State, Georgia Tech and Tulane.

Outside of their conference, the Seminole will play in two other tournaments beside the Classic this year. December 9-10 they play in the Big Sun at St. Petersburg, FLA., and Dec. 16-17 it's the Birmingham Classic. Top non-conference opponents include UNC-Charlotte, Missouri and Oral Roberts.

The Seminoles lost only two members from last year's club, but both were starters at guard. A trio is listed as potential replacements at the spots, including Tony Jackson (6-0), Mickey Dillard (6-2) and red-shirt Eugene Harris (6-0).

"Mickey and Tony both lack playing experience," Durham says. "Thus they will need to get their experience in actual game conditions. Jackson has all the tools to be an excellent playmaker for us. He has an uncanny ability to find the open man. He's going to surprise some people with his shooting ability."

Inside the Seminoles have four players returning who drew starting duty at various times. The most likely combination is Kris Anderson (6-8) at the pivot and forwards David Thompson (6-8) and Jim Smith (6-6). But watch for Harry Davis (6-7), who played a sixth-man most of last season, to see plenty of action.

Two sophomores, Murray Brown (6-7) and Donnie Kuhl (6-9), are expected to provide the necessary depth in the pivot. Brown scored 30 points after coming off the bench against Baptist College.

A controlled offense is the name of the game for the Seminoles, but the fast break isn't ignored. Using the high post, Florida State generally works the ball around several times before putting up a shot.

An aggressive man-to-man defensive has been a Durham trademark over the years. Much pressure is applied and his guards will continuously hawk the opponents all over the floor. A Seminole team rarely zones.

The final team in the 1977 Pillsbury Classic is Tulane and why break from tradition, so mark the 1977-78 Tulane schedule as tough, too.

Besides a home-and-home series with all members of the Metro Conference, the Green Wave plays non-conference opponents like Louisiana State, Southern Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia. Also add Old Dominion University, a National Invitational Tournament participant this year, to the schedule.

Last season Tulane went 10-17, the second losing season in coach Roy Danforth's career. But it was his first year at Tulane, following an eight-year stint at Syracuse. Highlights of the Tulane season last year included beating Cincinnati by three points at a time when Cincy was ranked number two in the nation, and when the Green Wave drew over 10,000 fans for a game with the University of New Orleans. It marked the largest crowd to see a college basketball game in New Orleans.

Two returning starters for the Green Wave, Carlos Zuniga and Pierre Gaudin, were named to some all-Metro 7 team.

Zuniga (6-5) made the all-freshmen squad and averaged 9.7 ppg, while Gaudin (6-1) scored 438 points to give him a total 1,069 points and place him tenth on the all-time Tulane scoring list. Gaudin was named all-Metro 7 honorable mention.

Marc Fletcher (6-5) and Jack Fletcher (6-2), no relation, shared the guard position opposite Gaudin last year. Together they scored more than 10 points per game.

Three other lettermen return for the Green Wave, Gary Lorio (6-5), Keith Houston (6-8) and Terry McLean (6-11). Lorio played in 23 games last year as a freshman and McLean is noted for his excellent touch around the basket. He has hit for over 55% of his field goal attempts the past three seasons.

Besides the addition of four newcomers, Danforth will have the pleasure of working with his son, Mike. The younger Danforth transferred to Tulane from Syracuse with his father, but had to sit out a year because of the transfer rule.

By this brief look at the Pillsbury Tournament for 1977, it's easy to see why the "Classic is a classic" this year.

Series tickets to the Classic may be purchased through the University of Minnesota's ticket office at 205 Bierman Building, 516 15th Av SE in Minneapolis or by mail. Series prices are \$12. Single night tournament tickets are also available.



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CHUCK HERBST A U of M Friend

Charles "Chuck" Herbst is our latest in a long and treasured list of friends of the Golden Gopher program. Chuck resides at 464 Frontenac Place in St. Paul. He was born and raised in St. Paul where he attended Murray High School participating in football, baseball and golf.

He served 4 years in the Navy in World War II and participated in the Normandy Invasion at Omaha Beach as a hospital corpsman. Charlie returned to civilian life and to the U.S. Gypsum Company where he has been one of their top salesmen in the country for over 30 years.

He and lovely wife, Marge, have 2 children — Linda and Cindy — both married and residing in the Twin City area.

Charlie's hobbies are carpentry, cabinetmaking, (building and fixing things for friends), golfing (he is an accomplished sandbagger). His most avid hobby, however, is watching the Golden Gophers perform. He has been a super fan ever since he was a youngster. Chuck's love of the Gophers has manifested itself by working tirelessly on committees helping to raise funds for the program. He is a close personal friend of Williams Fund Director, Tom Barron. As Tom puts it . . . "Chuck has given countless hours of hard work helping raise dollars for our Williams Fund and Men's Intercollegiate Athletics. He is a creative guy who will tackle any job if it will help our student athletes. In short, Chuck is a doer!" Aside from "helping out" at most of the Williams Fund outings and serving on the St. Paul Gopher Committee, Charlie is also a "paying participant" at many of them. His most important contribution to the program was founding the annual B.I.G. G.O.L.D. golf outing in 1976. (B.I.G. G.O.L.D. stands for Building Industries Gopher Golf Outing — Laughs & Dinner). The first 2 years this building industries gang has netted over \$5,000 for the Williams Fund. Charlie's goal this year is to net \$5,000; thereby surpassing the first 2 years total.



From left to right — Paul Giel, Director of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics, Hal Greenwood, President of Midwest Federal, Jeff Anhorn, Gopher wide-receiver, and Tom Barron, Director of the Williams Fund are "all smiles" as Hal presents the University Williams Scholarship Fund a check for \$3,000 for the 1st Annual Midwest Federal Williams Scholarship. Jeff Anhorn was selected as the first Gopher student-athlete honored by Midwest Federal.



The 5th Annual Golden Gopher Wine & Cheese Festival was held Wednesday evening, November 9, at North Central Airlines. Over 500 people attended in spite of blizzard conditions. Close to \$3,000 in proceeds were netted for the Patty Berg & Williams Funds for Women's and Men's Intercollegiate Athletics at the U of M. Over 70 "Celebrities" from the Twin Cities sporting world and news media turned out to greet our fans and pour the wine! Among them, left to right, were Jim Marino of Ed Phillips & Sons, Williams Fund Director Tom Barron, Rod Carew of the Minnesota Twins and Tom Mueller and Marty Kouri of Ed Phillips & Sons.



McGuire to Speak at Wayzata Outing

Paul Giel and Chairman Jaye "Dynamite" Dyer announced recently that former Marquette basketball coaching great Al McGuire has accepted an invitation to be the feature speaker at both the breakfast and luncheon sessions of the 7TH ANNUAL WAYZATA SPORTACULAR at Wayzata Country Club, Monday, May 8, 1978.

A record turnout of close to 800 golfers and tennis players are expected for this "super fun" event with proceeds to the Williams Fund. Last year the event netted the Golden Gopher Men's Athletic & Scholarship programs over \$65,000 — and with exciting AL MCGUIRE on the rostrum, it promises to be an early sellout!!

Persons interested in signing up early, please call 373-4216 or 373-4924 for details.

FUND KICKOFF

"KICKING OFF" the 1978 Williams Fund Special event Schedule will be the 13th Annual Minneapolis Stag at Little Jack's — "Northeast". The date is set for Tuesday, January 29, and a record turnout is expected to honor special guest, "Northeast's own Butch Nash", who is in his 35th year of serving the University and the Golden Gophers — first as a great athlete and for the past 30 years as the finest end coach in the country!

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ARIZONA-MINNESOTA GOLF

Plans are underway for the 3rd Annual Arizona-Minnesota Golf Outing at Pima Country Club, Scottsdale — Monday, February 20, 1978. This is a "super event" with proceeds to the Williams Fund. Everyone is welcome!

Following this outing, Ray Scott's 3-day invitational golf outing takes place at Rio Verde Country Club with tons of "Minnesotans" on hand — and a bargain price!

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1978 Schedule of Williams Fund Events

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Monday, February 20	3rd Annual Arizona-Minnesota Golf	Wayzata Country Club
Monday, May 8	7th Annual Wayzata Sportacular (Golf and Tennis)	Land of 10,000 Lakes Golden Valley Country Club
May 13 thru May 29	3rd Annual Golden Gopher Fishing Contest	Hutchinson Country Club
Monday, May 15	2nd Annual Patty Berg-Les Bolstad Golf	Oak Ridge Country Club
*Wednesday May 17 or 24	1st Annual Hutchinson Golf Outing	Redwood Falls Country Club
Monday, May 22	6th Annual Oak Ridge Golf & Tennis Outing	Bunker Hills Country Club Coon Rapids
Tuesday, May 30	3rd Annual Dick Wildung Golf Outing	Austin Country Club
Monday, June 5	4th Annual North Suburban Golf Outing	Hastings Country Club
Tuesday, June 6	6th Annual Austin Golf & Tennis Outing	Bunker Hills Country Club Coon Rapids
Monday, June 12	5th Annual Pat Crist Memorial Golf Outing	Stillwater Country Club Riverside Country Club Midway - Blue Earth & Winnebago
Wednesday, June 14	3rd Annual Building Industries Golf	Winona Country Club
Monday, June 19	2nd Annual St. Croix Valley Golf Outing	Faribault Country Club
Tuesday, June 20	1st Annual Riverside Golf Outing	New Ulm Country Club
Thursday, June 22	3rd Annual Paul Giel Golf Classic	Grand Rapids Country Club (To be announced) Rochester, Minn.
Monday, June 26	4th Annual Bruce Smith Memorial Golf Outing	Midland Hills Country Club
Tuesday, June 27	4th Annual New Ulm Golf Outing	Southview Country Club
Thursday, June 29	4th Annual Iron Range Open	Le Sueur Country Club
Monday, July 10	6th Annual Roger Hagberg Memorial Golf Outing	Sauk Centre Country Club
Monday, July 17	9th Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament	Midland Hills Country Club
Monday, July 24	5th Annual John Mariucci Open Golf	(To be announced)
Tuesday, July 25	2nd Annual St. Peter Golf Outing	(To be announced)
Wednesday, August 2	2nd Annual Super Jack Golf Outing	Minneapolis Gun Club (To be announced)
Monday, October 3	13th Annual St. Paul Stag	North Central Airlines Met Sports Center
To be announced	1st Annual Southern California-Minnesota Golf Outing	
To be announced	1st Annual Florida-Minnesota Golf Outing	
To be announced	2nd Annual Golden Gopher "Shootout"	
Tuesday, August 15	Minnesota Football Fans Inc. Williams Fund Dinner	
Tuesday, August 15	6th Annual Wine & Cheese Festival	
Dec. 29 & 30	5th Annual Pillsbury Basketball Classic (Minnesota, Brigham Young, Georgia Tech & Houston)	

*Tentative date for event

All "M" Club members—boosters—fans and friends of the GOLDEN GOPHERS are invited to participate or attend any or all of these 30 planned events for 1978. Some of the dates have not been finalized as yet, but will be soon. If you want further information and details, please call 373-4216 or 373-4924.

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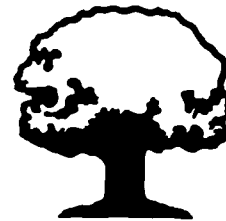
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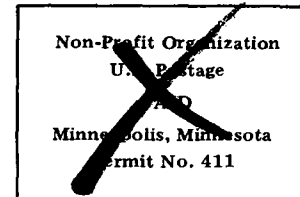
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Tuesday, February 7, 12 noon
Tuesday, February 21, 12 noon
Monday, March 6
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Friday, February 17 — Wisconsin

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